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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

IN RE OWLET, INC. SHAREHOLDER
DERIVATIVE LITIGATION

Case No. 2:24-cv-07258-FLA-PVC

**VERIFIED AMENDED
CONSOLIDATED SHAREHOLDER
DERIVATIVE COMPLAINT**

This Document Relates to:

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

ALL ACTIONS.

1 Plaintiffs Janet Vargas (“Vargas”) and Nathan Capleton (“Capleton”)
2 (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), by their undersigned attorneys, derivatively on behalf of
3 Nominal Defendant Owlet Inc. (“Owlet” or the “Company”), file this Verified
4 Amended Consolidated Shareholder Derivative Complaint against Kurt Workman,
5 Laura J. Durr, Amy N. McCullough, Melissa A. Gonzales, Zane Burke, John C. Kim,
6 Lior Susan, Marc F. Stoll, Ken Suslow, Michael Abbott, Kate Scolnick, Jayson Knafel,
7 Richard Henry, Domenico De Sole, Ramez Toubassy, Jamie Weinstein, Krystal Kahler,
8 and Michael F. Goss (collectively, the “Individual Defendants” and with Owlet,
9 “Defendants”) for breaches of their fiduciary duties as directors and/or officers of
10 Owlet.

11 Plaintiffs allege the following against the Individual Defendants based upon
12 personal knowledge as to themselves and their acts, and information and belief as to all
13 other matters, based upon, *inter alia*, the investigation conducted by and through their
14 attorneys, which included, among other things, a review of Defendants’ publicly
15 available documents, filings with the United States Securities and Exchange
16 Commission (“SEC”), press releases published by and regarding Owlet, legal filings,
17 news reports, securities analysts’ reports about the Company, the pleadings in the
18 consolidated securities class action *Butala v. Owlet, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 2:21-cv-
19 09016-FLA-SSC (C.D. Cal.) (the “Securities Class Action”), and other publicly
20 available information.

21 NATURE OF THE ACTION

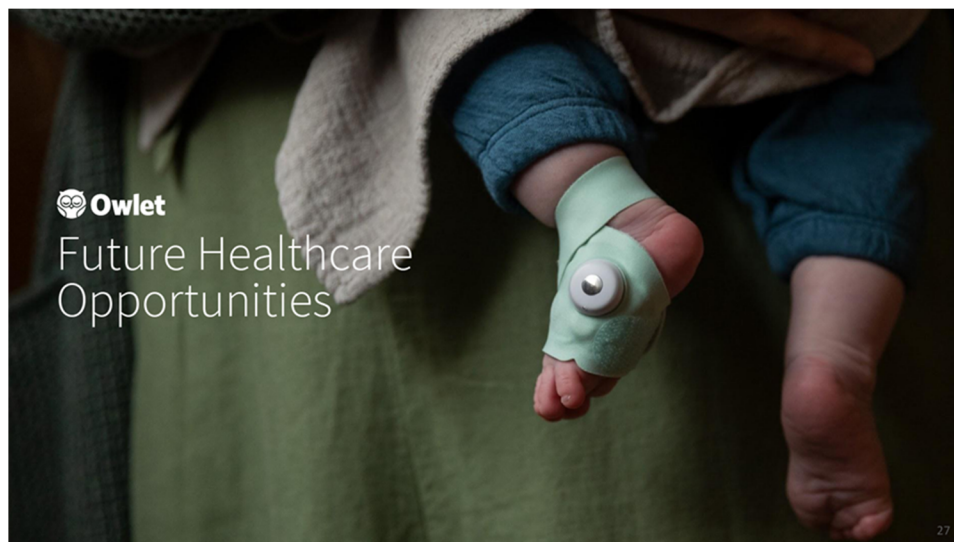
22 1. This is a shareholder derivative action brought in the right, and for the
23 benefit, of Owlet against the Individual Defendants – certain Company officers and
24 directors – seeking to remedy their breaches of their fiduciary duties between at least
25 March 31, 2021 and the present, and have caused, and continue to cause, substantial
26 harm to Owlet and its shareholders, including monetary losses and damages to Owlet’s
27 reputation and goodwill.

28 2. Sandbridge Acquisition Corporation (“Sandbridge”) was a special purpose

1 acquisition company (“SPAC”). A SPAC is a publicly traded company without
2 commercial operations formed for the sole purpose of raising capital through an initial
3 public offering (“IPO”) earmarked to fund a business combination. This process
4 allows the private company to go public without certain requirements attendant to a
5 traditional IPO.

6 3. On July 15, 2021, Sandbridge completed a merger with Owlet Baby Care
7 Inc. (the “Merger”) in accordance with a merger proxy statement submitted to the SEC
8 on June 21, 2021 (the “Proxy Statement”). A preliminary proxy was included in and
9 became part of a Registration Statement filed on Form S-4 with the SEC on March 31,
10 2021 (the “Registration Statement”).

11 4. Owlet develops and sells baby monitoring products, with its flagship
12 product being the Owlet Smart Sock (pictured below). This device tracks a baby’s
13 heart rate, oxygen levels, and sleep patterns through a sock worn during sleep.



23 5. The data is accessible to parents via a smartphone app, offering real-time
24 monitoring of vital signs. The Smart Sock is designed to help prevent Sudden Infant
25 Death Syndrome (“SIDS”), the leading cause of infant mortality, and monitor
26 respiratory issues, which are the primary reason for pediatric emergency room visits.

27 6. Five years prior to the Merger, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration
28 (“FDA”) informed Owlet that the Smart Sock is as a medical “device” under the Food,

1 Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. § 321(h) (the “FD&C Act”).

2 7. Under the FD&C Act, a company is required to obtain FDA authorization
3 before marketing or selling a medical device. However, despite clear communications
4 from the FDA indicating that the Smart Sock is a medical device, the Company
5 continued to market and sell the product in violation of FDA regulations.
6 Furthermore, both the Registration Statement and the Proxy Statement, issued to gain
7 shareholder approval for the Merger, contained several false and misleading statements
8 claiming that the Smart Sock was not a medical device and failed to disclose the
9 Company’s interactions with the FDA.

10 8. On October 4, 2021, the Company disclosed that it had received a Warning
11 Letter from the FDA on October 1, 2021 (the “Warning Letter”). The Warning Letter
12 stated that the Smart Sock was being branded as a medical device without FDA
13 marketing clearance or approval and instructed the Company to immediately stop all
14 marketing and sales of the product.

15 9. Following this news, Owlet’s stock price dropped by 23% in a single day,
16 closing at \$4.19 per share on October 4, 2021.

17 10. As a consequence of these developments, the Securities Class Action was
18 initiated against the Company and several of its executive officers, subjecting the
19 Company to substantial costs and class-wide liability. The Court in the Securities
20 Class Action appointed separate Lead Plaintiffs to lead the Section 10(b) and Section
21 14(a) claims. On August 5, 2024, the court overseeing the Securities Class Action
22 issued a ruling denying the defendants' motion to dismiss. ECF No. 124. The court
23 concluded, among other things, that the plaintiff had “allege[d] sufficiently” that the
24 individual defendants “misrepresented they never received written communication from
25 the FDA alleging non-compliance.” *Id.* at 9-10. The Court also found that
26 “allegations, taken together, give rise to a strong inference that the Owlet
27 Defendants...attempted improperly to market the Smart Sock as a wellness device to
28 avoid incurring costs associated with obtaining FDA clearance and maintain

1 profitability [and] [s]uch allegations are sufficient to establish the Owlet Defendants
2 acted intentionally, knowingly, or with deliberate recklessness.” *Id.* at 12.

3 11. The Securities Class Action has subjected the Company to internal
4 investigations, losses from the waste of corporate assets, and losses due to the unjust
5 enrichment of Individual Defendants were also improperly compensated by the
6 Company. Indeed, on January 31, 2025, the parties to the Securities Class Action filed
7 separate stipulations of settlement for the respective Section 10(b) and Section 14(a)
8 claims, announcing their agreement to settle the plaintiffs’ claims in exchange for \$3.5
9 million to be paid to the Section 10(b) class and \$1.75 million to be paid to the Section
10 14(a) class. ECF Nos. 144-2, 147.

11 12. Furthermore, due to the breaches of fiduciary duty by the Individual
12 Defendants, most of whom are current directors of the Company, the substantial risk of
13 their liability in this derivative action and the Securities Class Action, and the fact that
14 the Individual Defendants are closely tied to one another through longstanding business
15 and personal relationships, they lack the necessary disinterestedness and independence
16 to fairly consider a demand to initiate litigation against themselves and the other
17 Individual Defendants on behalf of the Company. Therefore, the Plaintiffs did not
18 make a demand on the Board, as doing so would have been futile and pointless, as
19 detailed further herein.

20 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

21 13. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331
22 and Section 27 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) over the
23 claims asserted herein for violations of Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. §
24 78n(a)) and Rule 14a-9 (17 C.F.R. § 240.142-9) promulgated thereunder by the SEC.

25 14. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiffs’ state law claims
26 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).

27 15. In connection with the acts, conduct and other wrongs complained of
28 herein, Defendants, directly or indirectly, used the means and instrumentalities of

1 interstate commerce, the United States mail, and the facilities of a national securities
2 market.

3 16. This action is not a collusive action designed to confer jurisdiction on a
4 court of the United States that it would not otherwise have.

5 17. This Court has personal jurisdiction over each defendant named herein
6 because each defendant is either a corporation that conducts business in and is
7 headquartered in this District or is an individual who has sufficient minimum contacts
8 with this District to render the exercise of jurisdiction by the courts of this District
9 permissible under traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

10 18. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to Section 27(a) of the Exchange
11 Act and 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because Defendants have conducted business in this District,
12 and a substantial portion of the transaction and wrongs complained of herein occurred
13 in this District.

14 **PARTIES**

15 ***Plaintiffs***

16 19. Plaintiff Vargas is, and has been at all relevant times, a shareholder of
17 Owlet.

18 20. Plaintiff Capleton is, and has been at all relevant times, a shareholder of
19 Owlet.

20 ***Nominal Defendant***

21 21. Nominal Defendant Owlet is incorporated under the laws of Delaware with
22 its principal executive offices located at 3300 North Ashton Boulevard, Suite 300, Lehi,
23 Utah, 90404. Owlet's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange
24 ("NYSE") under the ticker symbol "OWLT".

25 ***Individual Defendants***

26 22. Defendant Kurt Workman ("Workman"), a co-founder of Owlet in 2012,
27 has served on the Board since its inception and currently holds the role of President and
28 Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"). Based on the Company's public filings, Workman

1 earned \$4,681,017 in compensation from the Company in 2022. As of June 27, 2024,
2 he beneficially owns 556,306 shares of Owlet common stock, valued at \$2,152,904,
3 which represents 5.97% of the Company's total outstanding shares. Workman is also
4 a named defendant in the Securities Class Action.

5 23. The Company's 2024 Proxy Statement stated the following about
6 Workman:

7 Kurt Workman has served as our Chief Executive Officer
8 since January 2021 and as a member of the Board since July
9 2021, and also served as our as President from September
10 2022 until July 2023. Mr. Workman co-founded and served as
11 the Chief Executive Officer of Old Owlet from the company's
12 founding in 2012 until December 2019. During his tenure as
13 chief executive officer of Old Owlet, Mr. Workman led the
14 company's growth from its inception and was instrumental in
15 overseeing the research and development of several of the
16 company's key product offerings. He also served as a member
17 of Old Owlet's board of directors from when he co-founded
18 the Company in 2012 to July 2021. Mr. Workman studied
19 chemical engineering at Brigham Young University. We
20 believe Mr. Workman's intimate knowledge of Owlet and his
21 proven success building and overseeing Owlet's growth and
22 development make him qualified to serve as a member of the
23 Board.

24 24. Defendant Laura J. Durr ("Durr") has been a member of the Board since
25 February 2021 and currently serves as the Chair of the Audit Committee. According
26 to the Company's public filings, Defendant Durr received \$286,783 in compensation
27 from the Company in 2023. As of June 27, 2024, Defendant Durr beneficially owns
28 47,111 shares of Owlet common stock, valued at \$182,319.

1 25. The Company's 2024 Proxy Statement stated the following about Durr:
2 ***Laura J. Durr*** served on the board of directors of Old Owllet
3 from February 2021 to July 2021 and has been a member of
4 our Board since July 2021. Ms. Durr was previously an
5 Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of
6 Polycom, Inc. from May 2014 until its acquisition by
7 Plantronics, Inc. in July 2018. Prior to holding that role, Ms.
8 Durr held various finance leadership roles at Polycom between
9 2004 and 2014, including Senior Vice President of Worldwide
10 Finance, Chief Accounting Officer and Worldwide Controller.
11 Prior to her tenure with Polycom, Ms. Durr held executive
12 positions in finance and administration at Lucent
13 Technologies, Inc. and International Network Services Inc.
14 and also worked for six years at Price Waterhouse LLP. Ms.
15 Durr has served as a director of Xperi Inc. and Netgear, Inc.,
16 since October 2022 and January 2020, respectively, and
17 currently serves as the chairperson of the Audit Committee of
18 both Xiperi Inc. and Netgear. She previously served as a
19 director of TiVo Corporation from April 2019 until its merger
20 with Xperi Holding Corporation in June 2020, and served as a
21 director of Xperi Holding Corporation from June 2020 until
22 its spin-off of its former subsidiary, Xperi Inc. in October
23 2022. Ms. Durr was a certified public accountant and holds a
24 Bachelor of Science in Accounting from San Jose State
25 University. We believe Ms. Durr is qualified to serve as a
26 member of our Board because she can provide valuable
27 operational and strategic experience and insight, given her
28 background in finance and strategy for leading Silicon Valley

1 technology companies.

2 26. Defendant Amy N. McCullough (“McCullough”) has been a member of
3 the Board since April 2021 and currently serves as a member of the Audit Committee.

4 27. The Company’s 2024 Proxy Statement stated the following about
5 McCullough:

6 Amy N. McCullough served on the board of directors of Old
7 Owlet from April 2018 to July 2021 and has served on the
8 Board since July 2021. Ms. McCullough is the President and
9 Managing Director of Trilogy Equity Partners, LLC
10 (“Trilogy”), an early-stage venture capital firm. Ms.
11 McCullough has been a member of the investment team at
12 Trilogy for the last 17 years and has served in her current role
13 for the last eight years. She leads the investment team and is a
14 member of Trilogy’s board of managers, which sets the
15 strategic direction of the fund. Also, Ms. McCullough
16 currently serves on the board of directors of several privately
17 held companies, including Skilljar, Inc., Boundless
18 Immigration, Inc., Bluejay Labs, Inc. (doing business as
19 Showdigs) and Guide Care Inc. (doing business as Alongside).
20 She is also a board observer at Tacita Inc. (doing business as
21 Bright Canary) and Maximal Learning. Prior to her tenure at
22 Trilogy Equity Partners, Ms. McCullough spent four years as
23 an equity research analyst for JPMorgan Chase and was a
24 member of the team that covered the small and mid-cap
25 applied technologies sector for the firm. Ms. McCullough
26 began her career on the treasury operations team within the
27 portfolio management group at Microsoft Corporation and has
28 experience working in both corporate treasury and financial

1 analysis roles. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of
2 Epiphany School, an independent elementary school in
3 Seattle. Ms. McCullough received her Bachelor of Arts in
4 Business Administration with a focus in Finance from the
5 University of Washington. We believe Ms. McCullough is
6 qualified to serve as a member of our Board due to her
7 significant financial services and investing experience with
8 technology companies and her broad leadership experience.

9 28. Defendant Melissa A. Gonzales (“Gonzales”) has been a member of the
10 Board since July 2023. According to the Company’s public filings, Defendant
11 Gonzales received \$175,935 in compensation from the Company in 2023. As of June
12 27, 2024, Defendant Gonzales beneficially owns 34,347 shares of Owlet common stock,
13 valued at \$132,922.

14 29. The Company’s 2024 Proxy Statement stated the following about
15 Gonzales:

16 Melissa A. Gonzales has been a member of our Board since
17 July 2023. Ms. Gonzales has served as the President,
18 Women’s health, at Myriad Genetics, Inc. (Nasdaq: MYGN),
19 a genetic testing and precision medicine company, since May
20 2021. Prior to joining Myriad, Ms. Gonzales held several
21 senior leadership and executive positions with Medela LLC
22 and affiliated entities starting in 2008, including most recently
23 as Executive Vice President, Americas, from January 2019 to
24 May 2021, as Executive Vice President, North America from
25 August 2018 to December 2018, and as Executive Vice
26 President, Global Business Unit Human Milk from January
27 2018 to August 2018. Earlier in her career, she led commercial
28 teams at Align Technology and Smith & Nephew. Ms.

1 Gonzales has also served as Board Chair, March of Dimes,
2 Chicago, since January 2021. Ms. Gonzales holds a Bachelor
3 of Science in Nursing from the University of Illinois Chicago,
4 and a Master of Business Administration from the Keller
5 Graduate School of Management of DeVry University. We
6 believe Ms. Gonzales is qualified to serve as a member of our
7 Board due to her significant experience in the healthcare
8 industry.

9 30. Defendant Zane Burke (“Burke”) has been a member of the Board since
10 March 2021. According to the Company's public filings, Defendant Burke received
11 \$254,283 in compensation from the Company in 2023. As of June 27, 2024,
12 Defendant Burke beneficially owns 54,444 shares of Owlet common stock, valued at
13 \$210,698.

14 31. The Company’s 2024 Proxy Statement stated the following about Burke:
15 Zane M. Burke served on the board of directors of Old Owlet
16 from March 2021 to July 2021 and has served on the Board
17 since July 2021. Since September 2021, Mr. Burke has served
18 as the Chief Executive Officer of Quantum Health, Inc. Prior
19 to joining Quantum Health, Mr. Burke was the Chief
20 Executive Officer of Livongo Health, now an affiliate of
21 Teladoc Health, Inc., from February 2019 to November 2020.
22 Prior to his role with Livongo Health, Mr. Burke spent more
23 than two decades at Cerner Corporation (acquired by Oracle
24 Corporation in June 2022), ultimately serving as its President
25 from September 2013 to November 2018. Mr. Burke is a
26 member of the boards of Quantum Health, Inc., Cotiviti, Inc.,
27 and Bardavon Health Innovations. He also previously served
28 on the board of directors of Livongo Health from April 2019

1 to November 2020. Mr. Burke is also a board member of
2 several nonprofit organizations, including the College of
3 Healthcare Information Management Executives and
4 University Health (Kansas City). He is a certified public
5 accountant (inactive). Mr. Burke earned his Bachelor of
6 Science in Accounting and Master of Accounting from Kansas
7 State University. We believe Mr. Burke is qualified to serve
8 as a member of our Board due to his background in overseeing
9 public healthcare companies and his significant experience in
10 the healthcare industry.

11 32. Defendant John C. Kim (“Kim”) has been a member of the Board since
12 April 2021 and serves as a member of the Audit Committee. According to the
13 Company’s public filings, Defendant Kim received \$254,283 in compensation from the
14 Company in 2023. As of June 27, 2024, Defendant Kim beneficially owns 332,227
15 shares of Owlet common stock, valued at \$1,285,718, representing 3.54% of the
16 Company’s total outstanding shares.

17 33. The Company’s 2024 Proxy Statement stated the following about Kim:

18 John C. Kim served on the board of directors of Old Owlet
19 from April 2021 to July 2021 and has served on the Board
20 since July 2021. Mr. Kim has served as Executive Vice
21 President, Chief Product Officer of PayPal Holdings, Inc.
22 since September 2022. Mr. Kim joined PayPal Holdings, Inc.
23 from Expedia Group, Inc., where he served as President,
24 Marketplace from June 2021 to September 2022, as President
25 of Platform & Marketplaces from December 2019 to June
26 2021, and as Chief Product Officer of Expedia Brands from
27 July 2011 to March 2016. He also served as President of
28 Vrbo/Homeaway, an Expedia Group subsidiary, from July

1 2016 to December 2019. Mr. Kim serves as a Senior Advisor
2 to Permira, the global private equity firm since August 2023.
3 Mr. Kim has more than two decades of experience in online
4 search, recommendations, analytics and marketing at tier-one,
5 venture-backed startups, medium-sized companies and
6 globally known brands, having served in senior positions
7 earlier in his career with Yahoo!, Inc., Pelago, Inc. (acquired
8 by Groupon, Inc. in April 2011) and Medio Systems Inc.
9 (Acquired by Nokia/Microsoft in 2014), and he is an investor
10 in over 100+ startups. Mr. Kim is a vocal advocate for
11 diversity and was appointed to advise President George W.
12 Bush on economic policies impacting Asian Americans and
13 Pacific Islander small businesses. He graduated from the
14 University of California–Santa Barbara and received his
15 Master of Business Administration from the University of
16 Chicago Booth School of Business. We believe Mr. Kim is
17 qualified to serve as a member of our Board due to his
18 significant analytics and marketing experience and broad
19 leadership experience.

20 34. Defendant Lior Susan (“Susan”) has been a member of the Board since
21 July 2015 and currently serves as its Chairman. As of June 27, 2024, Defendant Susan
22 beneficially owns 12,224,955 shares of Owlet common stock, valued at \$47,310,575,
23 representing 63.38% of the Company's total outstanding shares.

24 35. The Company’s 2024 Proxy Statement stated the following about Susan:
25 Lior Susan served on the board of directors of Old Owlet from
26 July 2015 to July 2021 and has been our Chairman of the
27 Board since July 2021. Mr. Susan is the founder and Managing
28 Partner of Eclipse Ventures, LLC, a venture capital firm. He

1 also currently serves on the boards of several privately held
2 companies, including Cerebras Systems, Inc., Bright
3 Machines, Inc., Flex Logix, Inc., Augury, Inc., DataPelago,
4 Inc., Metrolink, Inc., Cybertoka Ltd., Dutch Pet, Inc., Skyryse,
5 Inc., Sensor Ltd, and InsidePacket, Ltd. Prior to founding
6 Eclipse Ventures in 2015, Mr. Susan founded and managed
7 the hardware investment and incubation platform of Flex Ltd.,
8 a multinational electronics contract manufacturer, where he
9 gained knowledge of and experience with scaling
10 manufacturing operations for medical device companies.
11 Before relocating to the United States from Israel, Mr. Susan
12 was an entrepreneur and former member of a special forces
13 unit within the Israel Defense Forces. We believe Mr. Susan
14 is qualified to serve as a member of our Board due to his
15 significant experience investing in and working with
16 technology companies, including as a board member.

17 36. Defendant Marc F. Stoll (“Stoll”) has served as a member of the Board
18 since August 2023.

19 37. The Company’s 2024 Proxy Statement stated the following about Stoll:
20 Marc F. Stoll has been a member of the Board since August
21 2023. Mr. Stoll has been an Investment Partner at Eclipse, a
22 venture capital firm, since February 2023. From April 2019
23 through January 2023, Mr. Stoll served as President and Chief
24 Operating Officer of Nextiva, a private telephone and
25 technology service company, and from September 2014
26 through March 2015 served as Chief Financial Officer of
27 Anaplan, a private business planning software company. Mr.
28 Stoll joined Anaplan from Apple Inc., a multinational

1 technology company (NASDAQ: AAPL), where he served as
2 Vice President of Worldwide Sales Finance from August 2008
3 through July 2013. Earlier in his career, he served as Senior
4 Vice President and Corporate Controller of CA, Inc. and as
5 Head of Technology Equity Research at Julius Baer
6 Investment Management. Mr. Stoll has also served on the
7 board of directors of a number of public and private
8 companies. Mr. Stoll holds a Masters of Business
9 Administration from the University of Chicago, Booth School
10 of Business, and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical
11 Engineering from Michigan Technological University. We
12 believe Mr. Stoll is qualified to serve as a member of our
13 Board due to his significant operational and marketing
14 experience and broad leadership experience.

15 38. Defendant Ken Suslow (“Suslow”) served as the CEO and Chairman of
16 the Board of Sandbridge prior to the Merger and was a member of the Board of Owlet
17 from the time of the Merger until March 2022.

18 39. Defendant Michael Abbott (“Abbott”) served as Owlet's President and as a
19 member of its Board from December 2019 until September 2022. Prior to that,
20 Defendant Abbott held the roles of Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) and Chief
21 Operating Officer from February 2018 to December 2019. According to the
22 Company’s public filings, Defendant Abbott received \$3,759,903 in compensation from
23 the Company in 2022.

24 40. The Company’s 2022 Proxy Statement stated the following about Abbott:
25 Michael P. Abbott is our President and has served as a member
26 of the Board since July 2021. Mr. Abbott held a variety of
27 leadership roles with Old Owlet, including President, and he
28 was a member of the Old Owlet board of directors from

1 December 2019 to July 2021. From February 2018 to
2 December 2019, Mr. Abbott served as Old Owllet's Chief
3 Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer, where he was
4 instrumental in securing financing and setting operational
5 standards to fuel Old Owllet's growth. Before joining Old
6 Owllet, from January 2014 to December 2017, Mr. Abbott
7 served as the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating
8 Officer of MISSION®, a leading performance apparel and
9 accessories brand focused on temperature control
10 technologies, where he was responsible for all financial and
11 operational functions. Prior to his tenure with MISSION, Mr.
12 Abbott served as Chief Operating Officer at Specialized
13 Bicycle Components, Inc., a premier cycling manufacturer,
14 and Burton Snowboards. At both companies, he was
15 responsible for all operating units and financial functions. Mr.
16 Abbott received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from
17 Drexel University and his Master of Business Administration
18 with a concentration in Finance from Saint Joseph's
19 University. We believe Mr. Abbott's significant experience
20 launching, cultivating, and growing global brands into
21 industry leaders makes him qualified to serve as a member of
22 the Board.

23 41. Defendant Kate Scolnick ("Scolnick") served as the Company's Chief
24 Financial Officer ("CFO") from July 2021 until July 2024. According to the
25 Company's public filings, Defendant Scolnick received \$1,668,488 in compensation
26 from the Company in 2022. As of June 27, 2024, Defendant Scolnick beneficially
27 owns 25,786 shares of Owllet common stock, valued at \$99,791.

28 42. The Company's 2024 Proxy Statement stated the following about

1 Scolnick:

2 Kathryn R. Scolnick has served as our Chief Financial Officer
3 since July 2021, and she also held the same role with Old
4 Owlet from March 2021 to July 2021. Previously, Ms.
5 Scolnick served as the Vice President of Finance at Anaplan,
6 Inc. (“Anaplan”) from June 2019 until March 2021. During
7 her tenure at Anaplan, she oversaw corporate financial
8 planning and analysis, global sales finance and global
9 procurement. Prior to joining Anaplan, Ms. Scolnick served in
10 various executive roles at Seagate Technology Holdings PLC
11 from February 2012 until January 2019, including serving as
12 Interim Chief Financial Officer from August 2018 to January
13 2019, Senior Vice President of Finance, Corporate
14 Communications & Treasury from August 2016 to August
15 2018 and Vice President of Investor Relations from 2012 to
16 2016. In these roles, she was responsible for driving financial
17 operations and maintaining relationships with banks, auditors
18 and shareholders. Earlier in her career, Ms. Scolnick served in
19 the investor relations department of Intel Corporation from
20 2011 to 2012, served as Vice President of Investor Relations
21 at McAfee from 2009 until its acquisition by intel Corporation
22 in 2011, and as Director of Global Investor Relations at EMC
23 Corporation from 2005 to 2009. From June 2015 until June
24 2019, she served as a director of the Silicon Valley Chapter of
25 the National Investor Relations Institute and was a director of
26 eASIC Corporation and a member of its audit committee from
27 December 2017 until it was acquired by Intel Corporation in
28 July 2018. Ms. Scolnick holds a Bachelor of Arts in History

1 from Michigan State University and a certificate in executive
2 leadership from the Stanford University Executive Program.

3 43. Defendant Jayson Knafel (“Knafel”) served as a member of the Board from
4 June 2023 until August 2023.

5 44. Defendant Richard Henry (“Henry”) served as CFO, Principal Financial
6 and Accounting Officer of Sandbridge. Defendant Henry was named as a defendant
7 in the Securities Class Action.

8 45. Defendant Domenico De Sole (“De Sole”) served as a member of the
9 Board of Sandbridge. Defendant De Sole was named as a defendant in the Securities
10 Class Action.

11 46. Defendant Ramez Toubassy (“Toubassy”) served as a member of the
12 Board of Sandbridge. Defendant Toubassy was named as a defendant in the Securities
13 Class Action.

14 47. Defendant Jamie Weinstein (“Weinstein”) served as a member of the
15 Board of Sandbridge. Defendant Toubassy was named as a defendant in the Securities
16 Class Action.

17 48. Defendant Krystal Kahler (“Kahler”) served as a member of the Board of
18 Sandbridge. Defendant Kahler was named as a defendant in the Securities Class
19 Action.

20 49. Defendant Michael F. Goss (“Goss”) served as a member of the Board of
21 Sandbridge. Defendant Goss was named as a defendant in the Securities Class
22 Action.

23 ***Non-Party Confidential Witnesses***

24 50. This action is based on Plaintiffs’ review, by counsel, of an extensive
25 record of public documents as well as the Amended Consolidated Class Action
26 Complaint (the “Amended Complaint”) in the Securities Class Action, which contains
27 detailed allegations based on interviews with four former Owlet employees (referred to
28 herein as Fes 1-4) who provided information to plaintiffs’ counsel in the Securities Class

1 Action supporting the allegations in that case. These former employees provided
2 information on a confidential basis and were described in the Amended Complaint with
3 sufficient detail to establish their reliability and personal knowledge.

4 51. FE 1 worked at Owlet as a Chief Brand Officer between February 2019
5 and January 2021.

6 52. FE 2 worked at Owlet as a Product Marketing Manager between
7 September 2020 and April 2021.

8 53. FE 3 worked at Owlet as a Senior Product Marketing Manager between
9 July 2021 and March 2022.

10 54. FE 4 worked at Owlet as a member of the Company's Product Team
11 between April 2021 and June 2022.

12 **FIDUCIARY DUTIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS**

13 55. By reason of their positions as officers, directors, and/or fiduciaries of
14 Owlet and because of their ability to control the business and corporate affairs of Owlet,
15 the Individual Defendants owed Owlet and its shareholders fiduciary obligations of
16 trust, loyalty, good faith, and due care.

17 56. The Individual Defendants were and are required to use their utmost ability
18 to control and manage Owlet in a fair, just, honest, and equitable manner.

19 57. The Individual Defendants were and are required to act in furtherance of
20 the best interests of Owlet and its shareholders to benefit all shareholders equitably.

21 58. Each director and officer of the Company owes Owlet and its shareholders
22 the fiduciary duty to exercise good faith and diligence in the administration of the
23 Company.

24 59. As fiduciaries of Owlet, the Individual Defendants were able to and did,
25 directly and/or indirectly, exercise control over the wrongful acts complained of herein
26 because of their position and authority.

27 60. The officers and directors of Owlet were and are required to exercise
28 reasonable and prudent supervision over the management, policies, controls, and

1 operations of the Company to discharge their duties.

2 61. Each Individual Defendants under their position as officers of Owlet, owed
3 to the Company and its shareholders the highest fiduciary duties of loyalty, good faith,
4 care, and diligence in the management and administration of the affairs of the Company.

5 62. As Owlet's directors and officers, the Individual Defendants knowingly
6 acted with reckless disregard for their obligations as fiduciaries because their conduct
7 posed a significant risk of harm to the Company.

8 63. The Individual Defendants had a duty to prevent and correct the
9 dissemination of erroneous, misleading, and deceitful information concerning, inter
10 alia, the Company's financial condition, business operations, management,
11 performance, growth, earnings, and business prospects. Moreover, as senior officers
12 of a publicly traded company whose common stock was registered with the SEC,
13 pursuant to the Exchange Act, the Individual Defendants had a duty to act in the best
14 interest of the Company.

15 64. As fiduciaries, the Individual Defendants had a duty to disclose in its
16 regulatory filings with the SEC all events described in this Complaint that it failed to
17 disclose so that the Company's valuation and the common stock price would be based
18 on accurate information and to preclude deceptive practices in the market.

19 65. The Individual Defendants were required to exercise reasonable and
20 prudent supervision over the management, policies, practices, and internal controls of
21 the Company to discharge their duties. Among other things, the Individual Defendants
22 were required to:

23 a) Ensure that the Company was operated in a diligent, honest, and prudent
24 manner in accordance with the laws and regulations of Delaware, New York, the United
25 States, and pursuant to Owlet's Code of Conduct and internal guidelines;

26 b) Conduct the affairs of the Company in an efficient, businesslike manner
27 to provide the highest quality performance of its business, to avoid wasting the
28 Company's assets, and to maximize the value of the Company's stock;

1 c) Remain informed as to how Owlet conducted its operations, and, upon
2 receipt of notice or information of imprudent or unsound conditions or practices, to
3 make a reasonable inquiry in connection and in addition to that and to take steps to
4 correct such conditions or practices;

5 d) Establish and maintain systematic, accurate records and reports of the
6 business and internal affairs of Owlet and procedures for the reporting of the business
7 and internal affairs to the Board and to periodically investigate, or cause an independent
8 investigation to be made of, said reports and records;

9 e) Maintain and implement an adequate and functioning system of internal
10 legal, financial, and management controls, such that Owlet's operations would comply
11 with all laws and Owlet's financial statements and regulatory filings filed with the SEC
12 and disseminated to the public and the Company's shareholders would be accurate;

13 f) Exercise reasonable control and supervision over the Company's officers
14 and employee's public statements and any other reports or information that the
15 Company was required by law to disseminate;

16 g) Refrain from unduly benefiting themselves and other Company insiders
17 at the expense of the Company; and

18 h) Examine and evaluate any reports of examinations, audits, or additional
19 financial information concerning the financial affairs of the Company and to make full
20 and accurate disclosure of all material facts concerning, inter alia, each of the subjects
21 and duties set forth above.

22 66. Each of the Individual Defendants also bore a duty of loyalty to Owlet and
23 its shareholders, mandating the prioritization of the Company's and its shareholders'
24 interests above their own in the management of the Company's affairs and prohibiting
25 the use of their position, influence, or insight into the Company's operations for
26 personal gain.

27 67. Each of the Individual Defendants also bore a duty of loyalty to Owlet and
28 its shareholders, mandating the prioritization of the Company's and its shareholders'

1 interests above their own in the management of the Company's affairs and prohibiting
2 the use of their position, influence, or insight into the Company's operations for
3 personal gain.

4 68. During the pertinent times, the Individual Defendants served as agents for
5 each other and for Owlet, always operating within the parameters of their agency.

6 69. The Individual Defendants, through their advisory, executive, managerial,
7 and directorial roles within Owlet, were privy to detrimental, confidential information
8 concerning the Company.

9 70. The Individual Defendants, through their advisory, executive, managerial,
10 and directorial roles within Owlet, were privy to detrimental, confidential information
11 concerning the Company.

12 71. Due to their positions of influence and authority, the Individual Defendants
13 had the capability to, and indeed did, directly or indirectly control the improper actions
14 detailed in this complaint, as well as the content of the various public declarations made
15 by Owlet.

16 72. Due to their positions of influence and authority, the Individual
17 Defendants had the capability to, and indeed did, directly or indirectly control the
18 improper actions detailed in this complaint, as well as the content of the various public
19 declarations made by Owlet.

20 73. Due to their positions of influence and authority, the Individual
21 Defendants had the capability to, and indeed did, directly or indirectly control the
22 improper actions detailed in this complaint, as well as the content of the various public
23 declarations made by Owlet.

24 **OWLET'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

25 74. The Individual Defendants, like all employees, directors, and officers of
26 the Company, are required to comply with Owlet's Code of Business Conduct and
27 Ethics (the "Code of Conduct"). Owlet's Code of Conduct opens with a pledge to
28 uphold "the highest standards of business ethics."

1 75. The Code of Conduct applies to all the Company’s “directors, officers, and
2 other employees,” and violations of the Code of Conduct will lead to “appropriate
3 discipline, which may include, for an employee, termination of employment or, for a
4 director, a request that such director resign from the Board of Directors of the
5 Company.”

6 76. In a section titled “**COMPANY RECORDS**,” the Code of Conduct states:

7 Accurate and reliable records are crucial to our business. Our
8 records are the basis of our earnings statements, financial
9 reports, regulatory submissions and many other aspects of our
10 business and guide our business decision-making and strategic
11 planning. Company records include, without limitation,
12 financial records, personnel records, supplier lists, customer
13 lists, records relating to our locations, facilities, products,
14 technology and product development, customer collaborations,
15 manufacturing and regulatory submissions and all other
16 records maintained in the ordinary course of our business.

17 All Company records must be complete, accurate and reliable
18 in all material respects. Each employee and director must
19 follow any formal document retention policy of the Company
20 with respect to Company records within such employee’s or
21 director’s control. Please contact your supervisor or an
22 Authorized Officer to obtain a copy of any such policy or with
23 any questions concerning any such policy.
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25 77. With respect to Company assets, the Code of Conduct states that
26 “[e]mployees should protect the Company’s assets and provide for their efficient use
27 for legitimate business purposes only.”

28 78. In a section titled “**ACCURACY OF FINANCIAL REPORTS AND**

1 **OTHER PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS,”** the Code of Conduct states:

2 As a public company we are subject to various securities laws,
3 regulations and reporting obligations. Both federal law and
4 our policies require the disclosure of accurate and complete
5 information regarding the Company’s business, financial
6 condition and results of operations. Inaccurate, incomplete or
7 untimely reporting will not be tolerated and can severely
8 damage the Company and result in legal liability. The
9 Company’s principal financial officers and other employees
10 working in the Company’s finance department or otherwise
11 involved in the Company’s financial statements and financial
12 reporting have a special responsibility to provide that all of our
13 financial disclosures are full, fair, accurate, timely and
14 understandable. These employees must understand and strictly
15 comply with generally accepted accounting principles and
16 standards, laws and regulations for accounting and financial
17 reporting of transactions, estimates and forecasts.”

18 79. In a section titled “**COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND**
19 **REGULATIONS,”** the Code of Conduct states:

20 Each employee and director has an obligation to comply with
21 all laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Company’s
22 operations. These include, without limitation, laws covering
23 bribery and kickbacks, the development, testing, manufacture,
24 marketing and sale of our products, copyrights, trademarks
25 and trade secrets, information privacy, insider trading, illegal
26 political contributions, antitrust prohibitions, foreign corrupt
27 practices, offering or receiving gratuities, environmental
28 hazards, employment discrimination or harassment,

1 occupational health and safety, false or misleading financial
2 information or misuse of corporate assets. You are expected to
3 understand and comply with all laws, rules and regulations
4 that apply to your job position. If any doubt exists about
5 whether a course of action is lawful, you should seek advice
6 from your supervisor or an Authorized Officer.

7 80. In a subsection titled “***Public Communications Generally***,” the Code of
8 Conduct states:

9 The Company places a high value on its credibility and
10 reputation in the community. What is written or said about the
11 Company in the news media and investment community
12 directly impacts our reputation, positively or negatively. Our
13 policy is to provide timely, accurate and complete information
14 in response to public requests (from media, analysts, etc.),
15 consistent with our obligations to maintain the
16 confidentiality of competitive and proprietary information and
17 to prevent selective disclosure of market-sensitive financial
18 data.

19 **OWLET’S AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

20 81. In addition, under the Audit Committee Charter in effect during relevant
21 times, Defendants Durr, McCullough, and Kim (“Audit Committee Defendants”) owed
22 specific further duties to Owlet. The Audit Committee, pursuant to its Charter, is
23 responsible for assisting the Board in overseeing the financial reporting processes on
24 behalf of the Board and reporting the results of its activities to the Board and preparation
25 and certification of the Company’s financial statements to guarantee the independent
26 auditors’ report, or to guarantee other disclosures by the Company.

27 82. Pursuant to Owlet’s Audit Committee Charter, the purpose of the Audit
28 Committee is to assist the Board in its oversight of: “(i) The quality and integrity of the

1 Company's financial statements; (ii) the Company's compliance with legal and
2 regulatory requirements; (iii) the independent auditor's qualifications, performance and
3 independence; and (iv) the performance of the Company's internal audit functions and
4 independent auditor."

5 83. In a subsection titled "***Form 10-K Review***," the Audit Committee Charter
6 states:

7 The Committee must review and discuss the annual audited
8 financial statements with management and with the
9 independent auditor including the Company's disclosures
10 under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial
11 Condition and Results of Operations" for inclusion in the
12 Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Committee is
13 responsible for recommending to the Board whether or not to
14 include financial statements in the Company's annual report.

15 84. In a subsection titled "***Form 10-Q Review***," the Audit Committee states
16 that the Audit Committee "must review and discuss the quarterly financial statements
17 with management and the independent auditor, including the Company's disclosures
18 under 'Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of
19 Operations' for inclusion in the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q."

20 85. In a subsection titled "***Risk Assessment and Management***," the Audit
21 Committee Charter states:

22 The Committee must oversee enterprise risk management,
23 including the management of financial risks; review and
24 discuss the Company's guidelines and policies with respect to
25 risk assessment and risk management; and discuss with
26 management the steps management has taken to monitor and
27 control these exposures. The Committee must discuss with
28 management and the independent auditors correspondence

1 with regulators or governmental agencies that raise material
2 issues regarding the Company's financial statements or
3 accounting policies.

4 86. With respect to internal controls over financial reporting, the Audit
5 Committee Charter states:

6 The Committee must review and discuss with management,
7 the internal auditor (or other personnel responsible for the
8 internal audit function), once established and the independent
9 auditor, the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's
10 internal control over financial reporting ("ICFR"), the
11 adequacy of the Company's disclosures about changes in
12 ICFR and any steps management has taken to address material
13 deficiencies in ICFR. The Committee must review and discuss
14 with management and the independent auditor management's
15 report on ICFR and the independent auditor's attestation
16 report on the Company's ICFR for purposes of the Company's
17 Annual Report on form 10-K, to the extent such reports are
18 required.

19 87. The Audit Committee Charter further states that the Audit Committee is
20 "directly responsible for the oversight of internal audit function and must review any
21 reports prepared by the internal audit function, the budget and staffing of internal audit
22 function, and the annual internal audit plan."

23 88. With respect to the Company's Code of Conduct, the Audit Committee
24 Charter states that the Audit Committee "must monitor compliance with Company's
25 Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and investigate any matters pertaining to the
26 integrity of management or adherence to standards of business conduct as required in
27 Company policies."

28 89. The Individual Defendants, because of their positions of control and

1 authority as officers and/or directors of Owlet, were able to and did directly or indirectly,
2 exercise control over the wrongful acts complained of herein. The Individual
3 Defendants also failed to prevent the other Individual Defendants from taking such
4 illegal action. As a result, and in addition to the damages the Company already
5 incurred, Owlet has needlessly expended and will continue to needlessly expend,
6 significant sums of money.

7 **CONSPIRACY, AIDING AND ABETTING, AND CONCERTED ACTION**

8 90. In carrying out the wrongful acts alleged herein, the Individual Defendants
9 have engaged in or participated in a common course of conduct and acted in
10 coordination, conspiring with one another to further their misconduct. They caused
11 the Company to conceal the true facts, as alleged throughout this document.
12 Additionally, the Individual Defendants aided, abetted, and/or assisted each other in
13 breaching their respective duties.

14 91. The intent and outcome of the conspiracy, shared enterprise, and
15 coordinated actions were, among other things, to facilitate and hide the Individual
16 Defendants' violations of the law, including breaches of fiduciary duty and unjust
17 enrichment.

18 92. The Individual Defendants carried out their conspiracy, common
19 enterprise, and/or coordinated actions by causing the Company, either intentionally,
20 recklessly, or negligently, to hide material facts, fail to correct misrepresentations, and
21 violate applicable laws.

22 93. To advance this plan, conspiracy, and course of conduct, the Individual
23 Defendants, both together and individually, took the actions outlined in this document.
24 Since these actions were executed under the authority of the Board, each of the
25 Individual Defendants who are directors of Owlet played a direct, essential, and
26 significant role in the conspiracy, common enterprise, and/or coordinated conduct
27 complained of herein.

28 94. Each of the Individual Defendants aided, abetted, and provided significant

1 assistance in the misconduct alleged in this complaint. In doing so, each Defendant
2 acted with actual or implied knowledge of the primary wrongdoing, either directly
3 participated in or played a substantial role in facilitating the misconduct, and was, or
4 should have been, aware of their overall contribution to and support of the wrongful
5 actions.

6 95. Throughout the relevant period, each of the Individual Defendants acted
7 as an agent of the other Individual Defendants and of Owlet, consistently operating
8 within the scope and authority of that agency.

9 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

10 ***Sandbridge, the Special-Purpose Acquisition Company***

11 96. As mentioned above, Sandbridge was a SPAC. A SPAC is a shell
12 corporation with no commercial operations – they are created solely to raise money
13 through an IPO that can then be used in a subsequent merger or acquisition.
14 Shareholders and management of a SPAC can only profit through ownership of
15 common stock if a merger is completed within the designated time frame. If the
16 merger is not finalized within the stipulated period, the SPAC is dissolved, and the funds
17 held in the trust are returned to investors. In such cases, the founders and management
18 do not receive salaries, fees, or any other cash compensation. As a result, the founders
19 and management team of a SPAC have strong incentives to complete a merger within
20 the specified timeframe.

21 97. SPAC founders cannot select a target company for merger or acquisition
22 until after the SPAC's IPO is finalized. The proceeds from the IPO are held in a trust
23 account while the SPAC's management team searches for a target to complete the
24 merger within a designated timeframe. Once a target is identified, shareholders of the
25 SPAC vote on whether to approve or reject the merger. To make an informed decision,
26 shareholders depend on a merger proxy statement, which provides the target company's
27 financial information and outlines the terms of the proposed merger. While it does
28 carry inherent risk, this process can help to raise money faster than that of a traditional

1 IPO.

2 98. The creation of SPACs to raise money in this way has recently seen a
3 resurgence in popularity, attracting not only the attention of investors, but that of
4 regulators as well. In 2021, the Acting Director of the Division of Corporate Finance
5 at the SEC explained:

6 The basics of a typical SPAC are complex, but can be
7 simplified as follows.... It proceeds in two stages. In the first
8 stage, it registers the offer and sale of redeemable securities
9 for cash through a conventional underwriting, ... and places
10 the proceeds in a trust for a future acquisition of a private
11 operating company.

12 In their second stage, SPACs complete a business combination
13 transaction, in which the SPAC, the target (i.e., the private
14 company to be acquired), or a new shell “holdco” issues equity
15 to target owners, and sometimes to other investors. SPAC
16 shareholders typically have a vote on the so-called “deSPAC”
17 transaction....

18 Some ... practitioners and commentators have claimed that an
19 advantage of SPACs over traditional IPOs is lesser securities
20 law liability exposure for targets and the public company
21 itself....

22 *[But] any material misstatement in or omission from an*
23 *effective Securities Act registration statement as part of a de-*
24 *SPAC business combination is subject to Securities Act*
25 *Section 11. Equally clear is that any material misstatement or*
26 *omission in connection with a proxy solicitation is subject to*
27 *liability under Exchange Act Section 14(a) and Rule 14a-9,*
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1 *under which courts and the Commission have generally*
2 *applied a “negligence” standard.*

3 John Coates, *SPACs, IPOs and Liability Risk under the Securities Laws*, U.S. Sec. &
4 *Exch. Comm’n* (Apr. 8, 2021), [https://www.sec.gov/newsroom/speeches-](https://www.sec.gov/newsroom/speeches-statements/spacs-ipos-liability-risk-under-securities-laws)
5 [statements/spacs-ipos-liability-risk-under-securities-laws](https://www.sec.gov/newsroom/speeches-statements/spacs-ipos-liability-risk-under-securities-laws). (Emphasis added).

6 99. Sandbridge completed its IPO in September of 2020, selling 23 million
7 units at \$10.00 each (each consisting of one share of Class A common stock and one-
8 half of one public warrant of the SPAC), raising approximately \$230 million dollars in
9 proceeds which was held in trust. It then had a 24-month window to complete a
10 merger with a target company before the money raised would be liquidated and returned
11 to investors.

12 100. On July 15, 2021, Sandbridge completed its merger with Owlet, as outlined
13 in a merger proxy statement filed with the SEC on June 21, 2021. The Sandbridge
14 Board solicited shareholder approval of and ultimately okayed the merger without
15 obtaining or offering its investors any type of third-party valuation or fairness opinion,
16 emphasizing to its investors that they should “rely only on the information contained in
17 this proxy statement/prospectus” when voting on the merger.

18 101. Prior to the actual merger, analysts were positive about the prospect. In
19 March of 2021, Tigress Financial Company reported a positive outlook for the merger,
20 explain that Owlet had an “industry-leading position” with its “initial and market-
21 leading product, the Smart Sock.” Likewise, weeks after the merger, Cowen covered
22 the newly merged Company, giving it an “Outperform” rating and a \$14.00 price target,
23 claiming that the Smart Sock was “disrupting the traditional baby monitoring, health
24 and safety space.” Based on predicted advantages of the Smart Sock over pulse
25 oxygen machines then being used in hospitals, Cowen went on to estimate a total global
26 addressable market of \$19.5 billion for Owlet. Moreover, Cowen predicted that, with
27 the Smart Sock and other existing lines, as well as the development and addition of new
28 products, that market would more than double to \$40 billion by 2025.

1 ***FDA Regulations***

2 102. Medical devices are regulated by the FDC pursuant to § 201(h) of the
3 FD&C Act, 21 U.S.C. § 321. Under the Act, a medical device is defined as:

4 an instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, contrivance,
5 implant, in vitro reagent, or other similar or related article,
6 including any component, part, or accessory, which is... (b)
7 intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions,
8 or in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of
9 disease...which does not achieve its primary intended
10 purposes through chemical action within or on the body of
11 man or other animals and which is not dependent upon being
12 metabolized for the achievement of its primary intended
13 purposes.

14 21 U.S.C. § 321(h).

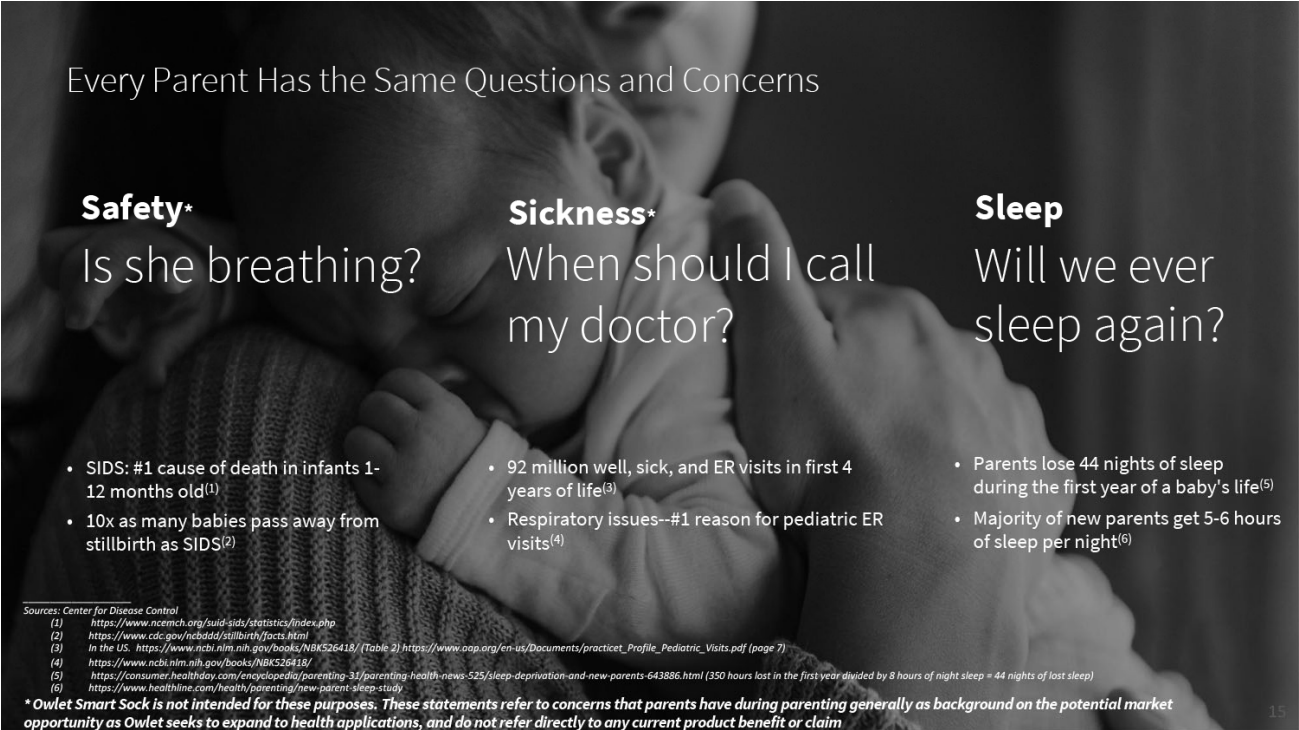
15 103. Medical devices are further classified under the Medical Device
16 Amendments of 1976 (the “MDA”) as: (a) Class I (lowest risk to patient or user), that
17 which “is not purported or represented to be for a use in supporting or sustaining human
18 life or for a use which is of substantial importance in preventing impairment of human
19 health” and “does not present a potential unreasonable risk of illness or injury” (21
20 U.S.C. § 360c(a)(1)(A)); (b) Class II (moderate risk to patient or user), that which
21 requires elevated “controls” in order to “to provide reasonable assurance of the safety
22 and effectiveness of the device, and for which there is sufficient information to establish
23 special controls to provide such assurance, including the promulgation of performance
24 standards, postmarket surveillance, patient registries, development and dissemination
25 of guidelines (including guidelines for the submission of clinical data in premarket
26 notification submissions in accordance with section 510(k) [21 U.S.C. § 360(k)],
27 recommendations, and other appropriate actions” (21 U.S.C. § 360c(a)(1)(B)); and (c)
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1 Class III (highest risk to patient or user), that which “is purported or represented to be
2 for a use in supporting or sustaining human life or for a use which is of substantial
3 importance in preventing impairment of human health, or presents a potential
4 unreasonable risk of illness or injury,” and therefore requires pre-market approval (21
5 U.S.C. § 360c(a)(1)(C)).

6 104. A product’s classification under the terms above depends on its intended
7 use as well as upon indications for use. A product’s intended use is the description of
8 purpose or function that will be included on its label, while its indications for use
9 include the reason for the product and its intended end-users. Initially, it is a product’s
10 maker that is responsible for making a determination of whether its product meets the
11 parameters of a medical device as defined by the FD&C Act, and if so, to utilize the
12 FDA’s classification database or device panel listings to determine its classification and
13 related requirements and/or exemptions. The database contains FDA guidance
14 provides that “[f]inding an existing classification that describes your product’s intended
15 use or design is a good indicator that it might be a medical device.” A manufacturer
16 may also request a formal determination regarding its product from the FDA by
17 submitting a Section 513(g) Request for Information under the FD&C Act.

18 ***The Smart Sock***

19 105. Owlet develops and sells baby monitoring products, including its flagship
20 product, the Owlet Smart Sock. This device tracks a baby’s heart rate, oxygen levels,
21 and sleep patterns through a wearable sock during sleep. Parents can access the data
22 collected by the Smart Sock via a smartphone app. The Smart Sock is designed to
23 offer parents real-time monitoring of vital signs to help prevent Sudden Infant Death
24 Syndrome (SIDS), the leading cause of infant death, and respiratory issues, which are
25 the primary reason for pediatric emergency room visits.



Every Parent Has the Same Questions and Concerns

<p>Safety*</p> <p>Is she breathing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIDS: #1 cause of death in infants 1-12 months old⁽¹⁾ • 10x as many babies pass away from stillbirth as SIDS⁽²⁾ 	<p>Sickness*</p> <p>When should I call my doctor?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 92 million well, sick, and ER visits in first 4 years of life⁽³⁾ • Respiratory issues--#1 reason for pediatric ER visits⁽⁴⁾ 	<p>Sleep</p> <p>Will we ever sleep again?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents lose 44 nights of sleep during the first year of a baby's life⁽⁵⁾ • Majority of new parents get 5-6 hours of sleep per night⁽⁶⁾
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Sources: Center for Disease Control
(1) <https://www.nccmch.org/aid/sids/statistics/index.php>
(2) <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/stillbirth/facts.html>
(3) In the US. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK526418/> (Table 2) https://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/practicing_Profile_Pediatric_Visits.pdf (page 7)
(4) <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK526418/>
(5) <https://consumer.healthday.com/encyclopedia/parenting-31/parenting-health-news-525/sleep-deprivation-and-new-parents-643886.html> (350 hours lost in the first year divided by 8 hours of night sleep = 44 nights of lost sleep)
(6) <https://www.healthline.com/health/parenting/new-parent-sleep-study>

*Owlet Smart Sock is not intended for these purposes. These statements refer to concerns that parents have during parenting generally as background on the potential market opportunity as Owlet seeks to expand to health applications, and do not refer directly to any current product benefit or claim

See

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1816708/000114036121004865/nt10020073x2_ex99-2.htm.

106. Five years prior to the Merger with Sandbridge, the FDA informed Owlet that the Smart Sock qualifies as a medical “device” under the FD&C Act, which defines a device as:

An instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, contrivance, implant, in vitro reagent, or other similar or related article, including any component, part, or accessory, which is . . . *intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions, or in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease*, in man or other animals, or intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or other animals.

107. A prototype of the Smart Sock was first introduced at the International Business Model Competition (“IBMC”) in May 2013 by Defendant Workman and

1 others. The description of the Smart Sock that Workman and his Team submitted to
2 the IBMC detailed:

3 Our core product is a sock[] that alerts parents if their child
4 stops breathing at night. It wirelessly relays vital signs, heart
5 rate and oxygen saturation levels to the parents [sic] smart
6 phone. It uses pulse oximetry, a common hospital technology
7 that measures oxygen levels and heart rates through light. The
8 lungs are the last organ to develop and consequently many
9 children have respiratory problems. In addition to respiratory
10 problems, heart problems[,] and common illnesses, SIDS is a
11 major concern for parents. Our monitor gives peace of mind
12 to parents one heart beat at a time.

13 108. During an accompanying presentation at the IBMC,¹ Defendant Workman
14 acknowledged that the Smart Sock is a medical device, explaining that it is “a Class II
15 device . . . because it’s sounding an alarm. So an alarm means that we are giving
16 advice to parents. We are saying, ‘hey, there’s something going on here.’” He
17 further stated that the Smart Sock’s classification as a medical device was based on
18 precedent, noting that “pulse oximetry has been around [and] there’s so many devices
19 already out there, predicate-wise, that’s just how it is.” Workman explicitly
20 recognized that “alarm plus pulse oximetry means that you need FDA clearance.”² He
21 also acknowledged that he and his Team had learned “later in the game that [the Smart
22 Sock] needed FDA clearance,” and that the time and money that such clearance would
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24 ¹ Owlet’s presentation at the 2013 IBMC is available online at https://youtu.be/f-8v_RgwGe0?si=FJValyjK4rU3KaBz.

25 ² According to the FDA’s Product Classification Database, the technology that the
26 Smart Sock offers - the monitoring of heartrate and blood-oxygen levels, or “a device
27 used to transmit radiation at a known wavelength(s) through blood to measure the blood
28 oxygen saturation based on the amount of reflected or scattered radiation,” is a Class II
medical device. 21 CFR § 870.2700.

1 require led them to consider a “more minimal and less risky” option in order to avoid
2 “all that liability.” The time and money that Workman was alluding to involved the
3 fact that in order to market what Owlet had *already* self-determined as a Class II device
4 in the United States, the Company was required to submit a 510(k) submission to the
5 FDA. A 510(k) submission is a required pre-market demonstration to the FDA that
6 the medical device in question is “as safe and effective, that is, substantially equivalent,
7 to a legally marketed device.” FD&C Act § 513(i)(1)A. While there is no standard
8 510(k) form, according to FDA guidance, “[s]ubmitters must compare their device to
9 one or more similar legally marketed devices and make and support their substantial
10 equivalence claims.” Under the same guidance, a medical device will be deemed to
11 substantially equivalent to a predicate if it:

- 12 - has the same intended use as the predicate; **and**
- 13 - has the same technological characteristics as the predicate;
- 14 **or**
- 15 - has the same intended use as the predicate; **and**
- 16 - has different technological characteristics and does not raise
- 17 different questions of safety and effectiveness; **and**
- 18 - the information submitted to FDA demonstrates that the
- 19 device is as safe and effective as the legally marketed device.

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21 A claim of substantial equivalence does not mean the new and
22 predicate devices needs to be identical. FDA first establishes
23 that the new and predicate devices have the same intended use
24 and any differences in technological characteristics do not
25 raise different questions of safety and effectiveness. FDA then
26 determines whether the device is as safe and effective as the
27 predicate device by reviewing the scientific methods used to
28 evaluate differences in technological characteristics and

1 performance data. This performance data can include clinical
2 data and non-clinical bench performance data, including
3 engineering performance testing, sterility, electromagnetic
4 compatibility, software validation, biocompatibility
5 evaluation, among other data.

6 See [https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/premarket-submissions-selecting-and-](https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/premarket-submissions-selecting-and-preparing-correct-submission/premarket-notification-510k)
7 [preparing-correct-submission/premarket-notification-510k](https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/premarket-submissions-selecting-and-preparing-correct-submission/premarket-notification-510k).

8 109. The FDA will issue a determination regarding a manufacturer's 510(k)
9 submission within 90 days of receipt. This time for determination can be longer
10 should the FDA find the 510(k) submission inadequate and lacking the necessary
11 information for the FDA to finalize its decision. In that case, it will reach back out to
12 the submitter for additional information on the proposed medical device.

13 110. To add even more context into the regulatory world in which Owlet
14 launched its Smart Sock, the FDA was warning manufacturers of baby products
15 regarding claims of SIDS prevention as early as October of 2001. In a release titled
16 "Letter to Manufacturers Concerning SIDS Prevention Medical Claims for Baby
17 Products," the FDA stated:

18 The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has learned that
19 some manufacturers are continuing to market baby products
20 that claim to prevent or reduce the risks of Sudden Infant
21 Death Syndrome (SIDS) without FDA clearance or approval.
22 Under section 201(h) of the Federal Food Drug & Cosmetic
23 (FD&C) Act and FDA's regulations, a baby product is
24 considered a medical device when claims to cure, treat,
25 prevent, or reduce a disease or condition, including SIDS, are
26 made in the product's labeling, packaging, or advertising.
27 Medical devices are regulated by the FDA. If your labeling,
28 packaging, or advertising (including print and online) contains

1 claims to prevent or reduce the risk of SIDS, you are in
2 violation of the FD&C Act.

3 ...

4 In order to comply with FDA regulations you must
5 immediately:

- 6 • Stop marketing your products with these claims until you
7 have received FDA clearance or approval, or
- 8 • Change your labeling, packaging, or advertising to remove
9 all medical claims and ensure your products are not marketed
10 as medical devices.

11 111. It was within this regulatory context that, after acknowledging the
12 appropriate Class II classification for its product, in an attempt to avoid a 510(k)
13 submission and the resulting requirement for FDA approval, (and also after confirming
14 via customer survey that there was an existing market for such a product), Defendant
15 Workman proposed introducing a version of the product without an alarm first.
16 Workman admitted that:

17 What was holding us up was the alarm. Alarm plus pulse
18 oximetry means that you need FDA clearance. We thought,
19 “well, what if we scratch the alarm. What could we do?” We
20 said, well, we’d have the same product that, you know, would
21 still give you all these really cool things and we could play
22 with that data in a lot of interesting ways, and maybe we could
23 call it our “Infant Health Tracker.”

24 112. As expressed by Workman, his Team was not “excited about” the monitor
25 sans alarm, and they were conflicted about the revised product:

26 [I]n all honesty, maybe it’s, it’s kind of like why people hate
27 to start with their crappy product first. Like to us it was so ugly,
28 and we didn’t even want to like test it. And the fact that people

1 were wanting it – like we fought in the office a lot about
2 whether or not to even go test or even try this non-alarm
3 version because it wasn’t, you know, it wasn’t our flagship
4 product and it wasn’t [what] we were excited about.

5 113. However, after surveys confirmed that customers were interested in the
6 non-alarm product, the Team decided to move forward the launch of the product in that
7 form. Workman explained that his team planned to “launch[] . . . the non-alarm health
8 tracking version that doesn't need FDA [clearance] to lower risk” and then “seven
9 months later, launch with our flagship product that we know will hit.” During the
10 IBMC, a participant sought clarification on this strategy, asking if the team was “using
11 this health monitoring product as a bridge to . . . your class II device, and launch the
12 product with the alarm.” Defendant Workman confirmed, replying, “Yeah, we'll start
13 with [the non-alarm version] and seven months later we'll launch our flagship product.”

14 114. Workman and his Team won a \$25,000 award for their Smart Sock
15 prototype at IBMC, and founded Owlet, incorporating the Company as Owlet Baby
16 Care in early 2014.

17 115. Before that, on August 26, 2013, Owlet issued a press release introducing
18 the non-alarm version of its Smart Sock. The press release explained that Defendant
19 Workman first had the idea for the Smart Sock “when caring for his twin cousins who
20 were born prematurely” while another cousin had passed away from SIDS: “[t]he worry
21 of whether or not an infant was getting enough oxygen was personal one that hit close
22 to home.” It went on to say:

23 Currently there is nothing on the consumer market that can
24 show parents their child’s heart rate and oxygen levels. “A
25 hospital pulse oximeter costs parents around a thousand
26 dollars. We are so excited that we can offer peace of mind to
27 parents at a financially feasible price,” says [Workman].
28 However, the Owlet Vitals Monitor is not a medical device,

1 neither should it be used for diagnostic purposes.

2 The Owlet Vitals Monitor is also the first “wearable
3 technology” in the infant space and is especially unique
4 because it applies a safe, proven hospital technology in a new
5 way: utilizing multiple sensors, so it can grow with your child.
6 The monitor will continue to work as long as it fits the child’s
7 foot, and it has been beta tested on infants up to two years old.
8 Heart rate and oxygen levels are found using Owlet’s
9 proprietary, innovative four-sensor pulse oximeter. Pulse
10 oximetry is that little red light you put on your finger when
11 you go to the doctor. “Having four sensors allows for nine
12 different reading combinations. Hospital pulse oximeters only
13 allow for one combination of light and sensor, making Owlet’s
14 monitor a vast improvement over current technology. The new
15 design allows the Owlet monitor to automatically adjust data
16 read for foot growth, movement, and various levels of ambient
17 light,” says Zack Bombsta, Chief Engineering Officer and
18 father of one.

19 116. The press release went on to acknowledge that the upcoming alarm and
20 notification features would require FDA clearance, stating that “[t]he Owlet Team is
21 currently going through the FDA process to add an alarm, along with other features, to
22 the next version of the product” which will take the Smart Sock “to a whole new level,
23 notifying parents of drops in heart rate or oxygen levels, and helping to prevent
24 emergencies.” Owlet expected to completed FDA clearance of the Smart Sock “by
25 2015.”

26 117. In order to meet this 2015 FDA clearance goal, Owlet needed to secure
27 tens of millions of dollars in funding from investors. As admitted by Owlet in the
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1 August 2013 press release: “[t]he FDA process is a long and expensive one, we need
2 everyone’s support to create this lifesaving product.” Moreover, “Owlet’s FDA-
3 cleared product could save hundreds of infant lives, in addition to other great benefits
4 in the medical sphere.”

5 118. In order to buffer the cost, Owlet launched a crowdfunding campaign. In
6 support of the effort, Workman claimed: “Our situation is different than most campaigns:
7 if we don’t deliver our product on time, then it loses value for parents. I’m not aware
8 of every crowdfunding campaign out there, but I would be willing to bet we are one of
9 the most prepared crowdfunding projects ever.” Moreover, the Company claimed that
10 “Owlet has been working with their American manufacturers for the past two months.
11 The electronics are fully functional and ready to be mass produced. The iPhone app
12 was submitted a month ago and is currently going through Apple’s approval process.
13 The final touches, programming and sock design, are also finished.”

14 119. However, the crowd-funding campaign launched after Owlet’s 2013
15 IBMC win and subsequent press release raised less than \$300,000; and, eight months
16 later, by April 2014, Owlet only had raised an additional \$1.85 million to fund the
17 clearance process. Owlet therefore found itself in need of necessary funding to
18 attempt to obtain FDA clearance in order to launch its Smart Sock with the added alarm
19 feature, while not being able to obtain the necessary funding without the FDA having
20 already approved the Smart Sock as a medical device.

21 120. On January 20, 2015, the FDA issued draft guidance *titled General*
22 *Wellness: Policy for Low Risk Devices*, which stated that the FDA no longer “intend[ed]
23 to examine low-risk general wellness products . . . to determine whether they are devices
24 within the meaning of section 201(h) of the [Act] . . . or, if they are devices whether
25 they comply with the [] Act’s regulatory requirements for devices.”

26 121. As the FDA defines general wellness products as those (i) for which “the
27 intended use” concerned “weight management, physical fitness, relaxation or stress
28 management, mental acuity, self-esteem, sleep management, or sexual function”

1 without referencing any particular disease or condition; or (ii) that were “intended to
2 promote, track, and/or encourage choice(s), which, as part of a healthy lifestyle,” may
3 reduce the risk of chronic diseases or conditions where it is well understood that living
4 a healthy lifestyle will reduce the risk or impact of such diseases or conditions, it was
5 “lift[ing] the burden of seeking FDA clearance . . . [f]or devices that the [FDA] view[ed]
6 as low-risk” by creating this exception.

7 122. In response to this new guidance, Owlet attempted to circumvent FDA
8 regulations applicable to medical devices by launching its Smart Sock with an alarm,
9 marketing it as a “wellness” product, despite the alarm and other features of the Smart
10 Sock that provided notification about a baby’s heart rate and oxygen levels.

11 123. Nonetheless, following the October 2015 launch of its flagship product,
12 the Company continually marketed it as a medical device that monitors a baby's vital
13 signs and alerts parents to potential concerns. Furthermore, Owlet chose Benchmark
14 Electronics, Inc., a manufacturer specializing in medical device production, to
15 manufacture the Smart Sock.

16 124. As outlined above, according to the FD&C Act, the Company was
17 obligated to obtain FDA pre-authorization before selling the Smart Sock. Without
18 FDA approval, it was barred from introducing a medical device into interstate
19 commerce, and it was Owlet’s responsibility to determine its burden. The FDA has
20 made it clear that “[r]esponsible officials in positions of authority in regulated firms
21 have a legal duty to implement whatever measures are necessary to ensure that their
22 products, practices, process, or other activities comply with the law,” and “[u]nder the
23 law such individuals are presumed to be fully aware of their responsibilities.”
24 Moreover, the FDA has made it clear that “responsible individuals should not assume
25 that they would receiving a Warning Letter, or other prior notice, before FDA initiates
26 enforcement action” regarding violations of the FD&C Act. In short, the burden was
27 on Owlet to comply with the law.

28 125. Owlet recognized that the Smart Sock, when introduced with an alarm, was

1 classified as a medical device, despite its attempts to market it as a “general wellness
2 product.” Although the FDA had made it clear that it is “under no legal obligation to
3 warn individuals or firms that they or their products are in violation of the law before
4 taking enforcement action, as early as 2016, it explicitly communicated to Owlet that
5 the Smart Sock was considered a device under the Act. During this period,
6 pediatricians began voicing concerns about products like the Smart Sock. For instance,
7 in January 2017, a group of pediatricians published a letter in the Journal of the
8 American Medical Association, asserting that “[t]here [wa]s no evidence that consumer
9 infant physiologic monitors are life-saving, and there is potential for harm if parents
10 choose to use them.” The letter cited Owlet’s marketing materials, where Defendant
11 Workman stated, “[w]e can’t promise to prevent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
12 right now . . . but . . . we believe notifying parents when something’s wrong maybe can
13 help.”

14 126. In reaction to the negative publicity, Owlet adjusted its marketing to more
15 explicitly present the Smart Sock as a general wellness product. However, in March
16 2017, the Company launched the second version of the Smart Sock, which still primarily
17 served as a diagnostic tool. While the marketing for this version downplayed the alarm
18 feature, the product introduced a new smartphone application, Connected Care, which
19 continued to use pulse and oxygen level alarms.

20 127. In 2017, the FDA reiterated to Owlet that the Smart Sock was classified as
21 a medical device. Despite the FDA’s clear communication, and the significant risk
22 that Owlet could be instructed to halt sales, the Company ignored these warnings and
23 continued to violate FDA regulations by marketing and selling the Smart Sock without
24 the required FDA approval.

25 128. FE 1, the former Chief Brand Officer at Owlet, confirmed that the
26 Company was aware of the FDA’s concerns about the marketing of the Smart Sock.
27 FE 1 stated that the Company “knew they had to be careful” in how the product was
28 publicly represented, and management advised employees to market the Smart Sock

1 cautiously “because the FDA had already filed a complaint.” FE 1 also indicated that
2 being cautious with the Smart Sock's marketing was “an ongoing, constant discussion
3 at the company,” and employees had to be “very careful about the claims,” made about
4 the product.

5 129. FE 2, a former Product Marketing Manager at Owlet, confirmed that the
6 Company was aware it needed FDA approval and authorization to sell the Smart Sock
7 and, until then, planned to be cautious not to market it as a medical device. FE 2
8 explained, “that was how we were always instructed,” with the directive coming “from
9 the top down.” FE 2 stated that this was discussed during quarterly meetings, and it
10 was understood that the Company’s ultimate goal was to sell the Smart Sock in hospitals
11 and have it covered by insurance, which would only be possible if the product was
12 classified as a medical device. FE 2 further explained that discussions about securing
13 FDA approval took place even before 2020 during monthly business reviews with
14 Defendants Abbott and Workman. FE 2 also mentioned that Defendant Workman
15 reiterated during Marketing Team and Company-wide meetings that, based on
16 communications with the FDA, the Company would need authorization to market and
17 sell the Smart Sock with the alarm feature.

18 130. FE 3, a former Senior Product Marketing Manager at Owlet, recalled being
19 informed by two senior leaders, Liz Teran, Senior Director of Product Marketing, and
20 Jane Putnam, Vice President of Communications, that the Company was shifting its
21 marketing strategy for the Smart Sock from focusing on child safety to emphasizing
22 parental peace of mind. FE 3 was directly involved in changing the marketing
23 language for the Smart Sock, moving away from “safety” and toward “peace of mind.”
24 According to FE 3, after the FDA issued its Warning Letter on October 1, 2021, FE 3
25 was instructed to remove any references to “monitoring oxygen saturation” across all
26 of the Company's marketing channels, including Owlet's website.

27 131. FE 4, a former member of the Company's Product Team, further confirmed
28 that the Company understood it needed authorization for the Smart Sock as a medical

1 device before receiving the Warning Letter on October 1, 2021. FE 4 stated that
2 employees were informed that Owlet executives and leadership had been in regular
3 communication with the FDA about the regulatory status of the Smart Sock since the
4 Company's inception. It was commonly understood within the Company that FDA
5 approval was necessary to sell the Smart Sock as a medical device. According to FE
6 4, Jim Fidacaro, Owlet's SVP and General Manager of Healthcare, provided updates on
7 the regulatory status and ongoing communications with the FDA during companywide
8 meetings. FE 4 explained that when the FDA's Warning Letter was received,
9 leadership was not surprised, as they knew the alarm feature classified the Smart Sock
10 as a diagnostic tool, requiring medical device approval.

11 132. FEs 1, 2, 3, and 4 each independently confirmed that the FDA had warned
12 the Company about how it was marketing the Smart Sock years before the Merger. FE
13 2 noted that, based on social media coverage, the public perceived the Smart Sock as a
14 medical device. FE 1 stated that the FDA had sent several cautionary letters to the
15 Company regarding the Smart Sock, and that Sandbridge would have likely discovered
16 this during the due diligence process before the Merger. The Proxy Statement
17 confirmed that Sandbridge had access to all relevant information regarding the Smart
18 Sock, stating that on November 7, 2020, the Company provided Sandbridge with data
19 room access, granting full access to Owlet's due diligence documents. The Proxy
20 Statement further stated:

21 Sandbridge has conducted its own independent review and
22 analysis of, and based thereon, has formed an independent
23 judgment concerning, the business, assets, condition,
24 operations and prospects, of the Group Companies and has
25 been furnished with or given access to such documents and
26 information about the Group Companies as necessary to
27 enable it to make an informed decision with respect to the
28 execution, delivery and performance of the Business

Combination Agreement, the ancillary documents thereto and
the Transactions.

133. In addition to direct communications with the Company, the FDA also issued industry-wide guidance indicating that the Smart Sock qualified as a medical device. In an article titled *Baby Products with SIDS Prevention Claims*, the FDA clarified that “[a] baby product is considered a medical device if claims to cure, treat, prevent, or reduce a disease or condition are made in the product's labeling, packaging, or advertising.” In another article, *Information for Manufacturers of Baby Products*, the FDA warned manufacturers of baby products intended to prevent medical conditions to review their marketing materials “for any direct or implied claims to cure, treat, or prevent a disease or condition, including SIDS,” and to immediately “stop marketing” the products without first “receiv[ing] FDA clearance or approval.”

Defendants’ False And Misleading Statements

134. On August 5, 2021, Owlet filed a registration statement on Form S-1 signed by Defendant Workman. This registration statement incorporated materially false and misleading statements made by the Individual Defendants in the Proxy Statement. The Proxy Statement was included in and became part of the Registration Statement.

135. The Registration Statement, signed by Defendants Suslow, Henry, De Sole, Goss, Kahler, Toubassy, and Weinstein, claimed that the Smart Sock, which generated “the majority of its revenue and expect[ed] to continue to do so for the foreseeable future,” was not classified as a medical device. As a result, the Company asserted that it was not required to seek FDA authorization to market the product. The Registration Statement misleadingly portrayed the risk that the FDA might classify the Smart Sock as a medical device as merely hypothetical, despite repeated direct communications from the FDA confirming that it did, in fact, consider the product a medical device. Specifically, the Registration Statement included the following risk factor:

If the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) or any

1 other governmental authority were to require marketing
2 authorization for the Owlet Smart Sock, or for any other
3 product that Owlet sells and which Owlet does not believe
4 requires such marketing authorization, Owlet could be
5 required to cease selling or recall the product pending receipt
6 of marketing authorization from the FDA or such other
7 governmental authority, which can be a lengthy and time-
8 consuming process, harm financial results and Owlet may also
9 be subject to regulatory enforcement action.

10 136. The Registration Statement continued, warning investors that the FDA
11 “*may* not agree with that conclusion that [the Smart Sock is not a medical device]”:

12 In response to inquiries from the FDA and regulatory
13 authorities in other jurisdictions regarding the marketing of the
14 Owlet Smart Sock, we have communicated our belief that the
15 Owlet Smart Sock is not a medical device and does not require
16 marketing authorization from the FDA or
17 approval/certification from such other regulatory authorities.
18 However, the FDA and certain regulatory authorities have
19 expressed they may not agree with that conclusion and could
20 require us to obtain marketing authorization (or
21 approval/certification) to continue to sell the product.
22 Obtaining authorization to sell the Owlet Smart Sock as a
23 medical device is a time-consuming and costly process and we
24 may be precluded from selling the Owlet Smart Sock if we are
25 required to obtain marketing authorization. If granted, a
26 marketing authorization could require conditions to sale, for
27 example, a prescription requirement. If the FDA or other
28 regulatory authorities require such marketing authorization (or

1 approval/certification, respectively) for the Owlet Smart Sock,
2 or for any other product that we sell and which we do not
3 believe requires such clearance, approval, certification or
4 marketing authorization, we could be required to cease selling
5 or recall the product in the corresponding jurisdiction pending
6 receipt of marketing authorization (or approval/certification),
7 which can be a lengthy and time-consuming process, and we
8 may also be subject to regulatory enforcement action. In
9 addition, we may be required to modify the product's
10 functionality or limit our marketing claims for the product,
11 whether or not we obtain such clearance, approval,
12 certification or marketing authorization. In any such event, our
13 business could be substantially harmed.

14 137. Despite promoting the Smart Sock's ability to diagnose tachycardia
15 ("SVT"), the most common arrhythmia in children, the Individual Defendants
16 continued to assert that the product was not a medical device:

17 Although the Owlet Smart Sock is a consumer product and not
18 a medical device, study investigators were able to observe
19 more than 202 million total hours of anonymized data from
20 100,949 babies born between February 2017 and February
21 2019 and monitored by the Owlet Smart Sock. The
22 investigators identified 5,070 total suspected episodes of
23 tachyarrhythmia in 2,508 infants, for a cumulative incidence
24 of 2.5%.

25 We believe this study is indicative of the potential power of
26 our data set and could support the future development of
27 products for which we may seek to obtain FDA and other
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1 regulatory agency authorization for use in the detection of
2 infant health issues.

3 138. Even while recognizing the Smart Sock's effectiveness in the "diagnosis
4 of disease or other conditions, or in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of
5 disease," which aligns with the definition of a medical device under the Act, the
6 Individual Defendants misleadingly maintained that the Smart Sock is not classified as
7 a medical device.

8 139. The Registration Statement featured financial projections for Owlet,
9 predicting substantial revenue growth from \$75.2 million in 2020 to \$1.06 billion by
10 2025, used to support its valuation of Owlet common stock. However, these
11 projections were based on the Company's reliance on Smart Sock sales for the majority
12 of its revenue and were misleading, as the Registration Statement did not disclose the
13 numerous FDA communications concerning the Smart Sock's regulatory status.

14 140. Regarding Owlet's regulatory compliance, the Registration Statement
15 claimed that the Company was "in compliance in all material respects with applicable
16 FDA Laws.":

17 Since January 1, 2018, all products developed, tested,
18 investigated, produced, manufactured, labeled, stored,
19 promoted, marketed, imported, exported, distributed, or sold
20 by or on behalf of the Group Companies have been, or are
21 being, developed, tested, investigated, produced,
22 manufactured, labeled, distributed, stored, promoted,
23 marketed, imported, exported, distributed and sold in
24 compliance in all material respects with applicable FDA Laws.

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26 [T]he Company holds all material permits, including 501(k)
27 clearances or premarket approvals required by applicable
28 FDA Laws.

1 141. Further, the Registration Statement expressly stated that “to [Owlet’s]
2 knowledge, *no Government Entity is considering . . . changing the marketing*
3 *classification . . . of any of the Company Products in any material respect.*”

4 142. The Registration Statement falsely claimed that the Company had “*not*
5 *received any written notice or communication from any Governmental Entity . . .*
6 *alleging or asserting material noncompliance with any applicable FDA Law, any*
7 *warning or untitled letter . . .* or similar written letter or notice alleging
8 noncompliance.”

9 143. The Registration Statement further falsely asserted that “there are no facts
10 or circumstances reasonably likely to cause . . . a termination, seizure or suspension of
11 the marketing or distribution . . . of any such product[.]”

12 144. The Proxy Statement, filed with the SEC on June 21, 2021, reiterated the
13 supposed warnings from the preliminary Proxy Statement, stating that regulatory
14 agencies might disagree with the Company's characterization of the Smart Sock and
15 could require authorization:

16 *If the FDA or any other governmental authority were to*
17 *require clearance, approval, certification or other form of*
18 *marketing authorization for the Owlet Smart Sock, or for*
19 *any other product that we sell and which we do not believe*
20 *requires such clearance, approval, certification or marketing*
21 *authorization, we could be required to cease selling or recall*
22 *the product pending receipt of such clearance, approval,*
23 *certification or marketing authorization from the FDA or*
24 *such other governmental authority, which can be a lengthy*
25 *and time-consuming process, and we may also be subject to*
26 *regulatory enforcement action.*

27 We currently sell the Owlet Smart Sock, which we market for
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1 use by parents of healthy babies to provide peace of mind, and
2 for which we have not sought or obtained any marketing
3 authorization from the FDA or similar authorization, approval,
4 or certification from any other governmental authority. In
5 response to inquiries from the FDA and regulatory authorities
6 in other jurisdictions regarding the marketing of the Owlet
7 Smart Sock, we have communicated our belief that the Owlet
8 Smart Sock is not a medical device and does not require
9 marketing authorization from the FDA or
10 approval/certification from such other regulatory authorities.
11 ***However, the FDA and/or certain regulatory authorities***
12 ***have expressed they do not agree with that conclusion and***
13 ***could require us to obtain marketing authorization (or***
14 ***approval/certification) to continue to sell the product. For***
15 ***example, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory***
16 ***Agency, the regulatory authority responsible for the UK***
17 ***medical device market, has asserted that the Owlet Smart***
18 ***Sock requires (CE mark) certification and subsequent***
19 ***registration as a medical device in the UK, but has indicated***
20 ***they will allow us to continue to market the Owlet Smart Sock***
21 ***until May 2022 without such certification or registration.***
22 Obtaining authorization to sell the Owlet Smart Sock as a
23 medical device is a time-consuming and costly process and we
24 may be precluded from selling the Owlet Smart Sock if we are
25 required to obtain marketing authorization. If granted, a
26 marketing authorization could require conditions to sale, for
27 example, a prescription requirement. ***If the FDA or other***
28 ***regulatory authorities require such marketing authorization***

1 *(or approval/certification, respectively) for the Owlet Smart*
2 *Sock, or for any other product that we sell and which we*
3 *do not believe requires such clearance, approval,*
4 *certification or marketing authorization, we could be*
5 *required to cease selling or recall the product in the*
6 *corresponding jurisdiction pending receipt of marketing*
7 *authorization (or approval/certification),* which can be a
8 lengthy and time-consuming process, and we may also be
9 subject to regulatory enforcement action. In addition, we may
10 be required to modify the product's functionality or limit our
11 marketing claims for the product, whether or not we obtain
12 such clearance, approval, certification or marketing
13 authorization. In any such event, our business could be
14 substantially harmed.

15 145. It was materially misleading to state that “the FDA and/or certain
16 regulatory authorities have expressed they do not agree” with the Company's
17 classification of the Smart Sock, while only mentioning the Medicines and Healthcare
18 products Regulatory Agency as the regulatory body that had raised concerns. In fact,
19 the FDA had also clearly communicated to the Company that the Smart Sock was
20 classified as a medical device.

21 146. The Proxy Statement also repeated the same misleading claim from the
22 preliminary Proxy Statement regarding the tachyarrhythmia study, reaffirming that,
23 despite its diagnostic capability, “the Owlet Sock is a consumer product and not a
24 medical device.”

25 147. The Proxy Statement also contained the misleading financial projections
26 from the preliminary Proxy Statement, while omitting the likelihood that the Company
27 would be required to halt marketing and distribution of the Smart Sock until obtaining
28 FDA authorization. Regarding the Company's revenue growth, the Proxy Statement

1 stated:

2 Revenues increased by \$7.0 million, or 47.3%, from \$14.9
3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2020 to \$21.9
4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021. The
5 increase was primarily due to a 40% increase in sales volume.
6 The increase was primarily driven by substantial sales growth
7 for the Owlet Sock. Owlet Smart Sock sales to retailers and
8 consumers for the Owlet Smart Sock increased 54% and 25%,
9 respectively, from the three months ended March 31, 2020 to
10 the three months ended March 31, 2021.

11 148. The statement was materially false and misleading as it failed to reveal the
12 substantial risk that the Company could lose future revenue from Smart Sock sales if
13 forced to stop marketing and distributing the product until obtaining FDA authorization.

14 149. Regarding Owlet's regulatory compliance, the Proxy Statement asserted
15 that the Company was in compliance with applicable FDA Laws:

16 Since January 1, 2018, all products developed, tested,
17 investigated, produced, manufactured, labeled, stored,
18 promoted, marketed, imported, exported, distributed, or sold
19 by or on behalf of the Group Companies have been, or are
20 being, developed, tested, investigated, produced,
21 manufactured, labeled, distributed, stored, promoted,
22 marketed, imported, exported, distributed and sold in
23 compliance in all material respects with applicable FDA Laws.

24 * * *

25 [T]he Company holds all material permits, including 501(k)
26 clearances or premarket approvals required by applicable
27 FDA Laws.

28 150. The above statements were false and misleading due to the Defendants'

1 failure to disclose material negative details regarding the Company's operations,
2 business, and future outlook. Among other things, Defendants misrepresented or
3 omitted that: (1) that the FDA had communicated to Owlet since 2016 that the Smart
4 Sock qualified as a medical device under the Act; (2) that the FDA would therefore
5 require Owlet to obtain marketing authorization; (3) that Owlet would have to cease
6 commercial distribution of the Smart Sock in the U.S. until it obtained the requisite
7 approval; and (4) therefore, the Company's communications to the public were
8 substantially misleading throughout the relevant times.

9 ***The Truth Emerges***

10 151. On October 4, 2021, the Company disclosed that it had received the
11 Warning Letter from the FDA on October 1, 2021.

12 152. The FDA issues Warning Letters "only for violations of regulatory
13 significance. Significant violations are those violations that may lead to enforcement
14 action if not promptly and adequately corrected."

15 153. The Warning Letter stated the following:

16 The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has
17 learned ***that your firm is marketing Owlet Smart Socks in the***
18 ***United States without marketing clearance or approval, in***
19 ***violation of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the***
20 ***Act).***

21 Under section 201(h) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 321(h), these
22 products are devices because they are intended for use in the
23 diagnosis of disease or other conditions or in the cure,
24 mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease, or to affect the
25 structure or any function of the body. Products that measure
26 blood oxygen saturation and pulse rate are devices when they
27 are intended to identify (diagnose) desaturation and
28

1 bradycardia and provide an alarm to notify users that
2 measurements are outside preset values.

3 FDA has reviewed your firm's web site, multiple commercial
4 websites, and your firm's responses to FDA correspondence
5 and determined that the Owlet Smart Socks are offered for sale
6 in the United States without marketing approval, clearance, or
7 authorization from FDA. Accordingly, your products are
8 adulterated under section 501(f)(1)(B) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. §
9 360e(a), or an approved application for an investigational
10 device exemption (IDE) under section 520(g) of the Act, 21
11 U.S.C. § 360j(g) for the device as described and marketed. The
12 introduction or delivery for introduction of an adulterated or
13 misbranded device into interstate commerce is prohibited
14 under section 301(a) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 331(a).

15 154. The Warning Letter also included a non-exhaustive list of examples where
16 the Company had marketed the Smart Sock as a medical device, in violation of the Act:

- 17 • Owlet Sales: <https://owletcare.com/>
 - 18 ○ "We look at the best indicators of your baby's overall well-being and
 - 19 will proactively notify you if your baby may need you"
 - 20 ○ "Track heart rate, oxygen level, and sleep trends"
- 21 • Amazon Web Site: [https://www.amazon.com/Owlet Smart Sock 3](https://www.amazon.com/Owlet-Smart-Sock-3) (last
22 visited Oct. 3, 2024)
 - 23 ○ "Track the most important indicators of your baby's health-like oxygen
 - 24 level, heart rate, and total hours slept"
 - 25 ○ "If your baby's readings leave preset 'safe' zone, the Smart Sock will
 - 26 immediately notify you that your baby needs your attention"
- 27 • Target Sales: <https://www.target.com/p/owlet-smart-sock-3-baby->
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monitorwith-oxygenheart-rate/-/A-83704325?preselect=79727730#lnk-sametab (last visited Oct. 3, 2024)

○ “Owlet Smart Sock 3 Baby Monitor with Oxygen & Heart Rate”

○ “Tracks the baby’s heart rate and oxygen level”

○ “Tells you when Baby needs you”

○ “Measures how long and how well the baby slept”

- Walmart Sales: <https://www.walmart.com/ip/Owlet-Smart-Sock-Baby-Monitor/167836816> (last visited Oct. 3, 2024)

○ “Owlet Smart Sock 2 Baby Monitor, Tracks Heart Rate & Oxygen”

○ “Rest easy knowing you’ll receive proactive notifications via lights and sounds if your baby’s oxygen level or heart rate leave preset zones”

○ “View real-time heart rate and oxygen level and receive notifications from any connected device using the Owlet app”

155. The Warning Letter also disclosed that the FDA had been in communication with the Company since 2016 regarding the regulatory status of the Smart Sock, stating, “[s]ince 2016, the FDA has corresponded with Owlet that the Owlet Smart Sock meets the definition of a device under the FD&C Act and does not fall under the compliance policy for low-risk products that promote a healthy lifestyle (General Wellness guidance).”

156. As a result of the Company's non-compliance with FDA regulations, the FDA directed Owlet to cease marketing and distribution of the Smart Sock:

Our office requests that Owlet Baby Care, Inc. cease any activities that result in the adulteration of the Owlet Smart Sock (All versions and co-branded products), such as the commercial distribution of the device for the uses discussed above.

Your firm should take prompt action to address any violations

1 identified in this letter. Failure to adequately address this
2 matter may result in regulatory action being initiated by the
3 FDA, including, but not limited to, seizure, injunction, and
4 civil money penalties.

5 Other federal agencies may take your compliance with the
6 FD&C Act and its implementing regulations into account
7 when considering the award of federal contracts.

8 This letter notifies you of our concerns and provides you with
9 an opportunity to address them. After you receive this letter,
10 please notify this office in writing within fifteen (15) business
11 days from the date you receive this letter of the specific steps
12 your firm has taken to address any violations, as well as an
13 explanation of how your firm plans to prevent any violations
14 from occurring again. Include documentation of the
15 corrections and/or corrective actions (which must address
16 systemic problems) your firm has taken. If your firm's planned
17 corrections and/or corrective actions will occur over time,
18 please include a timetable for implementation of those
19 activities. If corrections and/or corrective actions cannot be
20 completed within fifteen business days, state the reason for the
21 delay and the time within which these activities will be
22 completed. Your firm's response should be comprehensive
23 and address any violations included in this Warning Letter. If
24 you believe that your products are not in violation of the
25 FD&C Act, include your reasoning and any supporting
26 information for our consideration as part of your response.
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28 157. Following this news, the Company's stock price dropped by 23%, closing

1 at \$4.19 per share on October 4, 2021.

2 158. The same day, October 4, 2021, the Company issued the following press
3 release regarding the Warning Letter via its website:

4 On October 1, Owlet received a Warning Letter from the U.S.
5 Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regarding the Owlet
6 Smart Sock. In the letter, the FDA asserts that Owlet's
7 marketing and functionality in the U.S. renders the Smart Sock
8 a medical device requiring premarket clearance or approval
9 from FDA, and that Owlet has not obtained clearance or
10 approval. Since our founding, Owlet has been focused on the
11 well-being of babies and empowerment of parents, and we are
12 proud of the technology we've created that has been used with
13 over 1 million babies. The Smart Sock has been evaluated in
14 third-party studies, in which it was shown to be safe.

15 We are fully cooperating with the FDA on the regulatory
16 status of the product. We have been engaged with the FDA to
17 ensure our products abide by the agency's guidance and
18 expectations, and we will continue working closely with the
19 FDA to reach a resolution. Our team is working diligently to
20 respond to the FDA so that we can continue to offer infant
21 sleep monitoring that supports parents.

22 We strongly believe in the significant benefits that sleep
23 monitoring provides to parents of newborns. The feedback
24 from parents and caregivers who use the Smart Sock is
25 overwhelmingly positive. Ninety-four percent of parents
26 reported better sleep, based on a recent survey of 5,000 parents.
27 The product has been recognized as a best baby monitor by
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1 What to Expect, Baby Center and The Bump.

2 Wearable technology and digital health are rapidly developing
3 fields with evolving regulatory expectations. We remain
4 committed to working with the FDA – now and in the future –
5 to ensure we can continue to provide our families with cutting-
6 edge technology that supports parents and infants in the home.

7 159. On October 25, 2021, the Company announced that, as of October 22, 2021,
8 it had halted distribution of the Smart Sock in accordance with the FDA’s Warning
9 Letter.

10 160. During the earnings call on November 10, 2021, hosted by the Company,
11 Defendant Scolnick acknowledged that the FDA's Warning Letter and the subsequent
12 halt in all Smart Sock sales had already affected the Company, stating, “[a]s we head
13 into Q4 2021, the domestic regulatory factors we are working through for Smart Sock
14 products are creating near-term headwinds for our product sales growth trajectory in the
15 U.S.”

16 161. In the Company’s Third Quarter 2021 Financial Results, Defendant
17 Workman stated, “[s]ince receiving the FDA Warning Letter and taking prompt action
18 to address its concerns, we have been in ongoing, collaborative discussions with the
19 FDA on a path forward for our medical device application for the Smart Sock. We are
20 also in communication with our ecosystem of partners about what this means.
21 Additionally, our team is working in parallel with our partners to announce a new
22 consumer baby sleep monitor in the fourth quarter of this year. We look forward to
23 sharing more on that soon.”

24 162. During an earnings call on March 7, 2022, hosted by the Company,
25 Defendant Scolnick stated:

26 As a result, for the fourth quarter and year ended 2021, the
27 company recorded a contra revenue adjustment of \$23.2
28

1 million for received and anticipated returns on the Owlet
2 Smart Sock and Owlet monitor duo products.

3 * * *

4 The cessation of US Smart Sock and Duo sales and product
5 returns however, resulted in total net negative revenues of \$2.5
6 million for the fourth quarter 2021.

7 163. The Company's annual report for the 2021 fiscal year emphasized that its
8 financial performance had been severely impacted by the FDA's Warning Letter:

9 The Company's results of operations for the fourth quarter and
10 year-ended 2021 were substantially and negatively impacted
11 due to the reduction of revenues for received and anticipated
12 returns of Owlet Smart Sock and Owlet Monitor Duo product.
13 For the quarter and year ended December 31, 2021, the
14 Company recorded contra-revenue of \$23.2 million and
15 accrued returns of \$20.1 million as of December 31, 2021.

16 164. On May 11, 2022, the Company announced its first quarter 2022 results,
17 indicating it was still dealing with the aftermath of the FDA's Warning Letter. The
18 Company reported a net loss of \$0.26 per share, falling short of expectations by \$0.11,
19 and flat year-over-year revenue of \$21.5 million.

20 165. Over a year after receiving the Warning Letter, during Owlet's 3Q2022
21 earnings call on November 14, 2022, Defendant Workman disclosed that Owlet had
22 only "recently aligned" with the FDA on a strategy for clearance for the Smart Sock,
23 stating:

24 After multiple meetings with the FDA over the past 12 months
25 regarding our Sock technology, we have recently aligned with
26 FDA to submit a de novo application that will include both the
27 display of heart rate and oxygen currently in the Dream Sock
28 and additional opportunistic notification features as a software

1 as a medical device. . . . We’ve completed a broad range of
2 clinical studies to support these submissions and to further
3 validate the accuracy and safety of our product.

4 166. About seven months later, on June 20, 2023 Owlet announced in a press
5 release that it had received clearance from the FDA to market its prescription monitor,
6 BabySat.

7 167. Nearly a year later, on November 9, 2023, Owlet announced “De Novo
8 clearance” from the FDA for its Dream Sock product in an article titled *Owlet Achieves*
9 *De Novo FDAClearance for Dream Sock—The First and Only Over-the-Counter,*
10 *Medical Grade Pulse Oximeter Cleared for Infants.* The FDA-cleared Dream Sock,
11 Owlet stated, will now “monitor and display Baby’s Live Health Readings, including
12 pulse rate and oxygen saturation level, and will provide Health Notifications, which will
13 alert caregivers with lights and alarm sounds if their infant’s readings fall outside of
14 preset ranges.”

15 ***The Securities Class Action***

16 168. On November 17, 2021, the Securities Class Action was filed against the
17 Company and certain Individual Defendants in the United States District Court for the
18 Central District of California, alleging violations of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the
19 Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Subsequently, on November 30, 2021, a separate
20 securities class action was filed in the same court, based on the same underlying facts,
21 captioned *Jones Cherian v. Owlet, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 2:21-cv-09293-FLA-JEM (the
22 “Cherian Class Action”).

23 169. On September 29, 2022, the Securities Class Action and the Cherian Class
24 Action were consolidated, and the Amended Complaint was filed on December 22,
25 2023.

26 170. On August 5, 2024, the court in the Securities Class Action denied the
27 defendants’ motion to dismiss. ECF No. 124. The court concluded, among other
28 findings, that the Amended Complaint sufficiently alleges that the defendants made

1 statements that “were materially false or misleading.”

2 171. Specifically, the court found that the plaintiff in the Securities Class Action
3 “allege[d] sufficiently” that the individual defendants in that action “misrepresented
4 they never received written communication from the FDA alleging non-compliance”
5 and that “Owlet was sufficiently on notice that the FDA expected Owlet to obtain
6 agency approval prior to the sale and distribution of the Smart Sock.” *Id.* at 9-10.

7 172. The court found that the plaintiffs’ “allegations, taken together, give rise
8 to a strong inference that the Owlet Defendants knew the Smart Sock with the alarm
9 feature would likely qualify as a medical device, but attempted improperly to market
10 the Smart Sock as a wellness device to avoid incurring costs associated with obtaining
11 FDA clearance and maintain profitability. Such allegations are sufficient to establish
12 the Owlet Defendants acted intentionally, knowingly, or with deliberate recklessness.”
13 *Id.* at 12.

14 173. On September 26, 2024, the court in the Securities Class Action granted in
15 part the defendants’ motion for reconsideration. The court held that claims based on
16 pre-merger statements were dismissed, but that claims based upon post-merger
17 statement may move forward. The court elaborated that statements made in the
18 Registration Statement were incorporated into the August 5, 2021 Registration
19 Statement Form S-1.

20 174. On January 31, 2025, the parties to the Securities Class Action filed
21 separate stipulations of settlement for the respective Section 10(b) and Section 14(a)
22 claims, announcing their agreement to settle plaintiffs’ claims in exchange for \$3.5
23 million to be paid to the Section 10(b) class and \$1.75 million to be paid to the Section
24 14(a) class. ECF Nos. 144-2, 147.

25 ***Summary Of The Individual Defendants Wrongful Conduct***

26 175. The Individual Defendants breached their fiduciary duties because they
27 allowed or permitted the Company to disseminate false and misleading statements.
28 Additionally, the Company’s SEC filings and omissions caused the above-discussed

1 internal failures caused or allowed the illicit activity described in this Complaint.

2 176. The Individual Defendants breached their fiduciary duties because they
3 failed to maintain an adequate system of oversight, disclosure controls, and procedures.

4 177. The Individual Defendants breached their fiduciary duties to Owlet
5 because they willfully or recklessly made and/or caused the Company to make the false
6 and/or misleading statements and omissions of material fact described herein.
7 Defendants signed and authorized the SEC filings that were false and misleading
8 because the Defendants falsely stated/or failed to disclose the following on their watch
9 that: (1) that Owlet was reasonably likely to be required to obtain marketing
10 authorization for the Smart Sock because the FDA concluded it was a medical device;
11 (2) that, as a result, Owlet was reasonably likely to cease commercial distribution of the
12 Smart Sock in the U.S. until it obtained the requisite approval; and (3) therefore, the
13 Company's communications to the public were substantially misleading throughout the
14 relevant times.

15 **DAMAGES TO OWLET**

16 178. As a direct and proximate result of the Individual Defendants' conduct,
17 Owlet will lose and expend many millions of dollars.

18 179. Such expenditures include, but are not limited to, the amounts that
19 defendants have agreed to pay plaintiffs to settle the Securities Class Action legal fees
20 associated with the Securities Class Action, any internal investigations, and amounts
21 paid to outside lawyers, accountants, and investigators in connection thereto.

22 180. Additionally, these expenditures include, but are not limited to, lavish
23 compensation and benefits paid to the Individual Defendants who breached their
24 fiduciary duties to the Company.

25 181. As a direct and proximate result of the Director Defendants' conduct,
26 Owlet has also suffered and will continue to suffer a loss of reputation and goodwill,
27 and a "liar's discount" that will plague the Company's stock in the future due to the
28 Company's and their misrepresentations and the Director Defendants' breaches of

1 fiduciary duties.

2 **DERIVATIVE AND DEMAND FUTILITY ALLEGATIONS**

3 182. Plaintiffs bring this action derivatively in the right and for the benefit of
4 the Company to redress injuries suffered and to be suffered as a direct and proximate
5 result of the breaches of fiduciary duties and gross mismanagement by the Individual
6 Defendants.

7 183. This is not a collusive action to confer jurisdiction to this Court that it
8 would not otherwise have, and Owlet is named as a nominal party in this action only.

9 184. Plaintiffs will adequately and fairly represent the interests of the Company
10 in enforcing and prosecuting its rights and have retained counsel competent and
11 experienced in derivative litigation.

12 185. Plaintiffs are current owners of Company stock and has continuously
13 owned Company stock during all times relevant to the Individual Defendants' wrongful
14 course of conduct alleged herein.

15 186. Plaintiffs understand their obligation to hold Company stock throughout
16 the duration of this action and are prepared to do so.

17 187. During the illegal and wrongful course of conduct at the Company and
18 through the present, the Board consisted of the Individual Defendants.

19 188. Because of the facts set forth throughout this Complaint, demand on the
20 Company Board to institute this action is not necessary because such a demand would
21 have been a futile and useless act, and Plaintiffs have not made (and should be excused
22 from making) a pre-filing demand on the Board to initiate this action.

23 189. At the time this action was commenced, the eight-member Board was
24 comprised of Defendants Susan, Durr, McCullough, Burke, Kim, Workman, Gonzales,
25 and Stoll (the "Director Defendants"). Thus, Plaintiffs are only required to show that
26 a majority of the Defendants, *i.e.*, four, cannot exercise independent objective judgment
27 about whether to bring this action or whether to vigorously prosecute this action. As
28 detailed below, all current members of the Board are unable to make an independent

1 and impartial decision to initiate and aggressively pursue this action, in part because
2 they face a substantial likelihood of liability. Therefore, a demand on the Board to
3 pursue this action is not required, as such a demand would have been futile.

4 190. Each of the Directors approved and/or permitted the wrongs alleged herein
5 to have occurred and participated in efforts to conceal or disguise those wrongs from
6 the Company's stockholders or recklessly and/or with gross negligence disregarded the
7 wrongs complained of herein and are therefore not disinterested parties.

8 191. Each of the Directors authorized and/or permitted the false statements to
9 be disseminated directly to the public and made available and distributed to
10 shareholders, authorized and/or permitted the issuance of various false and misleading
11 statements, and are principal beneficiaries of the wrongdoing alleged herein, and thus,
12 could not fairly and fully prosecute such a suit even if they instituted it.

13 192. Furthermore, the Director Defendants willfully ignored, or recklessly
14 failed to inform themselves of, the clear issues with the Company's internal controls,
15 practices, and procedures, and they failed to make a good faith effort to address or
16 prevent the recurrence of these problems.

17 **Defendant Workman**

18 193. Defendant Worman is not disinterested or independent, and therefore, is
19 incapable of considering demand because, at all relevant times, Workman co-founded
20 the Company and served as its CEO. Further, Defendant Workman is named as a
21 defendant, and faces significant personal liability, in the Securities Class Action based
22 on substantially the same wrongdoing as alleged herein.

23 **Defendant Susan**

24 194. Defendant Susan is not disinterested or independent, and therefore, is
25 incapable of considering demand because at all relevant times, Susan served as the
26 Chairman of the Board and is the Company's majority shareholder. Defendant Susan
27 is the founder and Managing Partner of Eclipse Ventures, LLC ("Eclipse"), which
28 beneficially owns 63.38% of the Company's common stock.

1 **Defendants Durr, McCullough, and Kim**

2 195. Defendants Durr, McCullough, and Kim are not disinterested or
3 independent, and therefore are incapable of considering demand because, at all relevant
4 times, Durr, McCullough, and Kim served on the Company's Audit Committee (the
5 "Audit Defendants") and, pursuant to the Audit Committee Charter, were specifically
6 charged with the responsibility to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight
7 responsibilities related to, inter alia, public disclosures, internal controls, and
8 procedures over financial reporting, and the audits of the financial statements. At all
9 relevant times, however, the Audit Defendants breached their fiduciary duty to the
10 Company by failing to prevent, correct, or inform the Board of the issuance of material
11 misstatements and omissions regarding the Company's business and the adequacy of its
12 internal controls as alleged above. Therefore, the Audit Defendants cannot
13 independently consider any demand to sue themselves for breaching their fiduciary
14 duties to the Company, as that would expose them to substantial liability and threaten
15 their livelihoods.

16 196. For these reasons, Durr, McCullough, and Kim breached their fiduciary
17 duties, face a substantial likelihood of liability, are not independent or disinterested, and
18 thus demand upon them is futile and, therefore excused.

19 **Defendant Stoll**

20 197. Defendant Stoll is not disinterested or independent, and therefore, is
21 incapable of considering demand because has been an Investment Partner at Eclipse
22 since February 2023.

23 198. The Directors, as members of the Board, were and are subject to the Code
24 of Conduct. The Code of Conduct goes well beyond the basic fiduciary duties required
25 by applicable laws, rules, and regulations. The Code of Conduct requires the Directors
26 to also adhere to the Company's standards of business conduct. The Directors did not
27 comply with the requirements of the Code of Conduct. The Directors violated the
28 Code of Conduct because they knowingly or recklessly engaged in and facilitated the

1 misconduct alleged herein and participated in making and/or causing the Company to
2 make the materially false and misleading statements alleged herein. Because the
3 Directors violated the Code of Conduct, they face a substantial likelihood of liability
4 for breaching their fiduciary duties, and therefore demand upon them is futile.

5 199. Furthermore, demand, in this case, is excused because the Directors, who
6 are named as defendants in this action, control the Company and are indebted to each
7 other. The Directors have longstanding business and personal relationships with each
8 other and the Individual Defendants that preclude them from acting independently and
9 in the best interests of the Company and the shareholders. These conflicts of interest
10 precluded the Directors from adequately monitoring the Company's operations and
11 internal controls and calling into question the Individual Defendants' conduct. Thus,
12 any demand upon the Directors would be futile.

13 200. Owlet has been, and will continue to be, exposed to significant losses due
14 to the wrongdoing complained of herein. Yet, the Directors have not filed any lawsuits
15 against themselves or others who were responsible for that wrongful conduct to attempt
16 to recover for Owlet any part of the damages Owlet suffered and will continue to suffer,
17 thereby. Thus, any demand to the Directors would be futile.

18 201. The Individual Defendants' conduct described herein and summarized
19 above could not have been the product of legitimate business judgment as it was based
20 on bad faith and intentional, reckless, or disloyal misconduct. Thus, none of the
21 Directors can claim exculpation from their violations of duty pursuant to the Company's
22 charter (to the extent such a provision exists). As a majority of the Directors face a
23 substantial likelihood of liability, they are self-interested in the transactions challenged
24 herein. They cannot be presumed to be capable of exercising independent and
25 disinterested judgment about whether to pursue this action on behalf of the shareholders
26 of the Company. Accordingly, demand is excused as being futile.

27 202. The acts complained of herein constitute violations of fiduciary duties
28 owed by Owlet's officers and directors, and these acts are incapable of ratification.

203. The Directors may also be protected against personal liability for their acts of mismanagement and breaches of fiduciary duty alleged herein by directors' and officers' liability insurance if they caused the Company to purchase it for their protection with corporate funds i.e., monies belonging to the stockholders of Owlet. If there is a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy covering the Directors, it may contain provisions that eliminate coverage for any action brought directly by the Company against the Directors, known as, inter alia, the "insured-versus-insured exclusion." As a result, if the Directors were to sue themselves or certain of the officers of Owlet, there would be no directors' and officers' insurance protection. Accordingly, the Directors cannot be expected to bring such a suit. On the other hand, if the suit is brought derivatively, as this action is brought, such insurance coverage, if such an insurance policy exists, will provide a basis for the Company to effectuate a recovery. Thus, demand on the Directors is futile and, therefore, excused.

204. If there is no directors' and officers' liability insurance, then the Directors will not cause Owlet to sue the Individual Defendants named herein, since, if they did, they would face a large uninsured individual liability. Accordingly, demand is futile in that event, as well. Thus, for all of the reasons set forth above, all of the Directors, and, if not all of them, certainly at least five of them, cannot consider a demand with disinterestedness and independence. Consequently, a demand upon the Board is excused as futile.

CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

COUNT I

Breach of Fiduciary Duty

Against the Individual Defendants

205. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-allege each and every allegation set forth above, as though fully set forth herein.

206. Each Individual Defendant owed to the Company the duty to exercise candor, good faith, and loyalty in the management and administration of Owlet's

1 business and affairs.

2 207. Each of the Individual Defendants violated and breached his or her
3 fiduciary duties of candor, good faith, loyalty, reasonable inquiry, oversight, and
4 supervision. The Individual Defendants' conduct set forth herein was due to their
5 intentional, reckless, or negligent breach of the fiduciary duties they owed to the
6 Company, as alleged herein. The Individual Defendants intentionally, recklessly, or
7 negligently breached or disregarded their fiduciary duties to protect the rights and
8 interests of Owlet's shareholders.

9 208. In breach of their fiduciary duties owed to Owlet, the Individual
10 Defendants willfully or recklessly caused the Company to violate federal regulations by
11 falsely stating and/or failing to disclose the Company's true business performance, as
12 alleged herein.

13 209. The Individual Defendants had actual or constructive knowledge that the
14 Company issued materially false and misleading statements, and they failed to correct
15 those public statements and representations. The Individual Defendants had actual
16 knowledge of the misrepresentations and omissions of material facts set forth herein or
17 acted with reckless disregard for the truth, in that they failed to ascertain and disclose
18 such facts, even though such facts were available to them. Such material
19 misrepresentations and omissions were committed knowingly or recklessly and for the
20 purpose and effect of artificially inflating the price of Owlet's securities.

21 210. The Individual Defendants had actual or constructive knowledge that they
22 had caused the Company to engage in the fraudulent schemes set forth herein
23 improperly and to fail to maintain adequate internal controls. The Individual
24 Defendants had actual knowledge that the Company was engaging in the fraudulent
25 schemes set forth herein, and that internal controls were not adequately maintained, or
26 acted with reckless disregard for the truth, in that they caused the Company to engage
27 in the fraudulent schemes improperly and to fail to maintain adequate internal controls,
28 even though such facts were available to them. Such improper conduct was committed

1 knowingly or recklessly and for the purpose and effect of artificially inflating the price
2 of Owlet's securities.

3 211. These actions were not a good-faith exercise of prudent business judgment
4 to protect and promote the Company's corporate interests.

5 212. As a direct and proximate result of the Individual Defendants' breaches of
6 their fiduciary obligations, Owlet has sustained and continues to sustain significant
7 damages. As a result of the misconduct alleged herein, the Individual Defendants are
8 liable to the Company.

9 213. Plaintiffs, on behalf of Owlet, have no adequate remedy at law.

10 **COUNT II**

11 **Violations of Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act**

12 **Against the Director Defendants**

13 214. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and realleges each and every allegation
14 contained above, as though fully set forth herein.

15 215. Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78n(a)(1), provides that,
16 "[i]t shall be unlawful for any person, by use of the mails or by any means or
17 instrumentality of interstate commerce or of any facility of a national securities
18 exchange or otherwise, in contravention of such rules and regulations as the [SEC] may
19 prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of
20 investors, to solicit or to permit the use of his name to solicit any proxy or consent or
21 authorization in respect of any security (other than an exempted security) registered
22 pursuant to section 12 of this title [15 U.S.C. § 78l]."

23 216. Rule 14a-9, provides that no proxy statement shall contain "any statement
24 which, at the time and in the light of the circumstances under which it is made, is false
25 or misleading with respect to any material fact, or which omits to state any material fact
26 necessary in order to make the statements therein not false or misleading." 17 C.F.R.
27 § 240.14a-9.

28 217. Under the direction and watch of the Director Defendants, the Company

1 made materially misleading statements in its Proxy Statements filed with the SEC on
2 June 21, 2021, May 2, 2022, and May 1, 2023 (collectively, the “Proxies”) concerning
3 the regulatory status of the Company’s flagship Sock products, from which Owlet
4 derived the majority of its revenues.

5 218. The Director Defendants knew or should have known that by
6 misrepresenting and/or failing to disclose the foregoing material facts, statements
7 contained in the Proxies were materially false and misleading.

8 219. The Company was damaged as a result of the Director Defendants’
9 material misrepresentations and omissions in the Proxies.

10 220. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law.

11 **COUNT III**

12 **Unjust Enrichment**

13 **Against the Individual Defendants**

14 221. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-allege each and every allegation
15 set forth above, as though fully set forth herein.

16 222. By their wrongful acts, violations of law, and false and misleading
17 statements and omissions of material information, the fact that they made and/or caused
18 to be made, the Individual Defendants were unjustly enriched at the expense of, and to
19 the detriment of Owlet.

20 223. Each of the Defendants received payment from Owlet, in the form of either
21 salary or director fees while actively breaching their fiduciary duties to Owlet.

22 224. All the payments and benefits provided to defendants were at the expense
23 of Owlet. The Company received no benefit from these payments.

24 225. Plaintiffs, as shareholders and representatives of Owlet, seeks restitution
25 from the Individual Defendants and seeks an order from this Court disgorging all
26 profits—including from benefits, and other compensation, including any performance-
27 based or valuation-based compensation, obtained by the Individual Defendants due to
28 their wrongful conduct and breach of their fiduciary and contractual duties.

1 226. Plaintiffs, on behalf of Owlet, have no adequate remedy at law.

2 **COUNT IV**

3 **Waste of Corporate Assets**

4 **Against the Individual Defendants**

5 227. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-allege each and every allegation
6 set forth above, as though fully set forth herein.

7 228. As a result of the foregoing, and by failing to properly consider the interests
8 of the Company and its public shareholders, the Individual Defendants have caused
9 Owlet to waste valuable corporate assets, to incur many millions of dollars of legal
10 liability and/or costs to defend unlawful actions, and to lose assets from investors and
11 customers who no longer trust the Company.

12 229. As a result of the waste of corporate assets, the Individual Defendants are
13 each liable to the Company.

14 230. Plaintiffs, on behalf of Owlet, have no adequate remedy at law.

15 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

16 FOR THESE REASONS, Plaintiffs demand judgment in the Company's
17 favor against all Individual Defendants as follows:

18 A. Declaring that the Plaintiffs may maintain this action on behalf of Owlet,
19 and that Plaintiffs are adequate representatives of the Company;

20 B. Declaring that the Individual Defendants have breached their fiduciary
21 duties to Owlet;

22 C. Determining and awarding to Owlet the damages sustained, or
23 disgorgement or restitution, by it as a result of the violations set forth above from each
24 of the Individual Defendants, jointly and severally, together with pre-judgment and
25 post-judgment interest thereon;

26 D. Directing the Individual Defendants to take all necessary actions to
27 reform and improve Owlet's corporate governance and internal procedures to comply
28 with applicable laws and to protect Owlet and its shareholders from a repeat of the

1 damaging events described herein;

2 E. Awarding Plaintiffs the costs and disbursements of this action, including
3 reasonable attorneys' and experts' fees, costs, and expenses; and

4 F. Granting such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and
5 proper.

6 **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

7 Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury.

8 Dated: February 7, 2025

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VERIFICATION

I, Janet Vargas, have reviewed the allegations made in the Verified Amended Shareholder Derivative Complaint, know the contents thereof, and authorize its filing. To those allegations of which I have personal knowledge, I believe those allegations to be true. As to those allegations of which I do not have personal knowledge, I rely upon my counsel and their investigation and believe them to be true. I further declare that I am a current holder, and have been a holder, of Owlet, Inc. common stock at all relevant times.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 2/3/2025 day of _____ 2025.

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VERIFICATION

I, Nathan Capleton, have reviewed the allegations made in this Verified Amended Consolidated Stockholder Derivative Complaint, know the contents thereof, and authorize its filing. To those allegations of which I have personal knowledge, I believe those allegations to be true. As to those allegations of which I do not have personal knowledge, I rely upon my counsel and their investigation and believe them to be true. I further declare that I am a current holder, and have been a holder, of Owlet, Inc. common stock at all relevant times.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 3 day of February 2025.



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